



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

# College forms committee to replace coach

## Kill says he has no plans to leave Saginaw Valley

By NICK PARKER  
MANAGING EDITOR

Taking the first step in seeking a new head football coach, the Missouri Southern men's athletic department has named the seven members of its national search committee.

The committee, headed by athletic director Jim Frazier, consists of Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president; Bernie Johnson, associate professor of business and faculty rep-

resentative; Wendell Redden, Lionbackers president; Al Potter, football alumnus; Dr. Dirk Nelson, head of the department of kinesiology; Travis Cagle, senior defensive back; and Marque Owens, junior line-backer.

According to Frazier, the committee hopes to propose a final candidate to the College president by Monday, Dec. 15. This is because the national signing date for junior college players is Dec. 17, he said.

Frazier said the committee decided on three major qualities to look for in a head football coach.

"At the top of the list was discipline," he said. "A coach must be able to recruit and

discipline young men to fit into our community, not only our campus community but the surrounding area as well.

"Secondly, we feel like the offensive scheme needs to stay intact. And thirdly, we need personalities that show us they will have the opportunity to succeed in the barometers and limitations of our program. We may be in the upper echelon of the MIAA, but we want the ability to go on to the post-season, to step it up a notch."

According to the advertisement placed by Southern, the position requires only a bachelor's degree.

"We are the only institution [in the MIAA] that requires our coaches to teach," Frazier

said. "That is one of the uniquenesses of our college. Coaches are teachers at the highest degree. Our teaching efforts are evaluated every Saturday."

Sophomore offensive lineman Jason Young said the level of enthusiasm of the next Lion head coach is important to him and the team.

"I think emotion is a key for a football team," Young said. "We need somebody that could go in at halftime and breathe fire, really pump us up."

Frazier said the committee will look first outside the College for the new head coach. Interim coach Rob Green has said he was interested in the position.

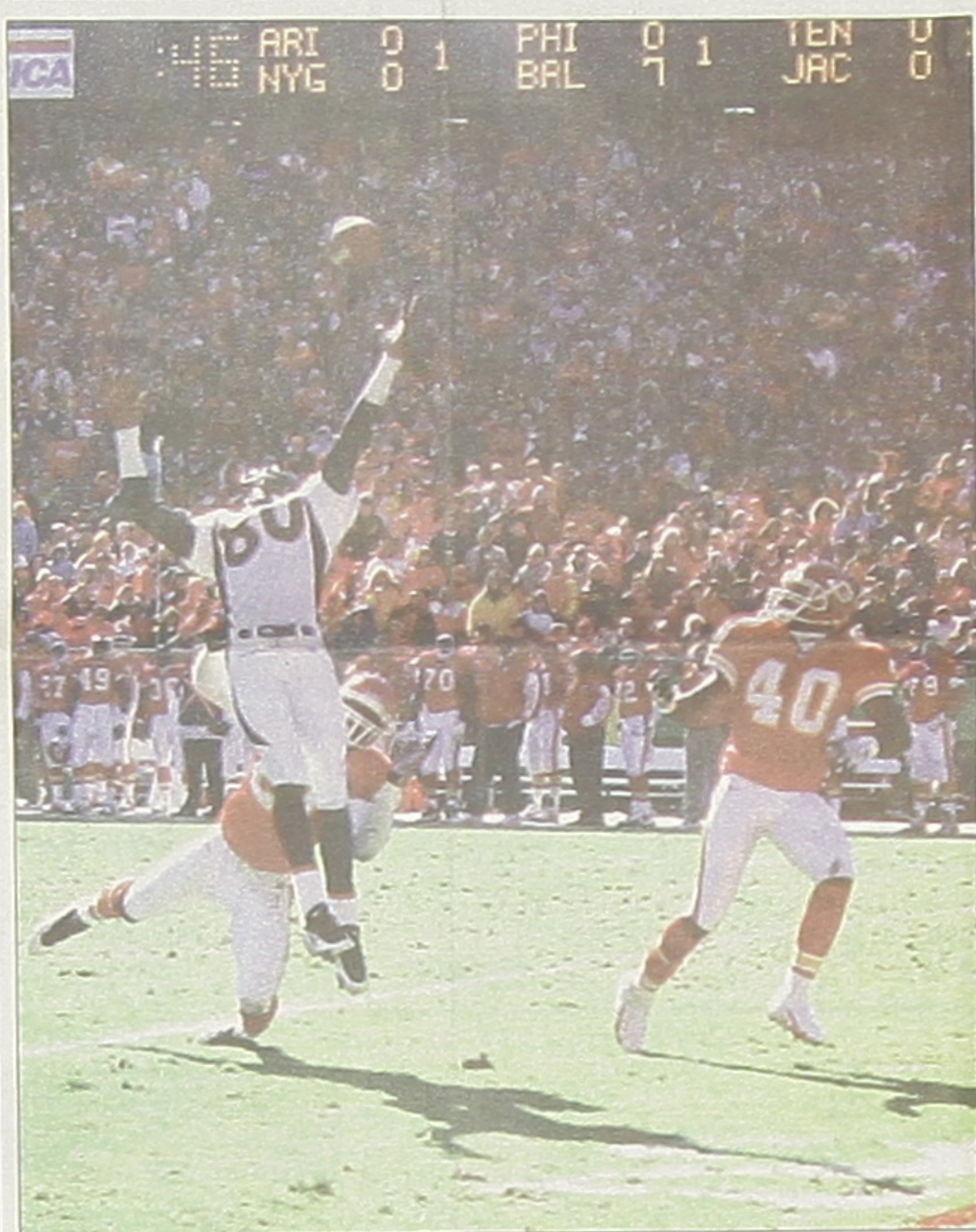
According to campus speculation and the *Springfield News-Leader*, Jerry Kill, former Webb City High School head coach and Pittsburg State assistant coach, might seek the position. Kill is now head coach at Saginaw (Mich.) Valley State University, where he has compiled a 29-12 record in four seasons.

Kill, however, said Wednesday that he didn't plan to apply.

"Right now, I am at a good place," he said. "I've worked hard, and we have a lot of returning players. I feel committed to the team and the people here."

"I think it would be best to stick around and see if I can win a championship." □

## BRINGIN' IT HOME



JASON FOSTER/The Chart

In somewhat of a homecoming, Rod Smith (80), former Missouri Southern standout, now with the Denver Broncos, came up with the catch-of-the-game against the Kansas City Chiefs in a losing effort. Smith's one-handed grab burned the Chiefs' Mark McMillian and James Hasty (40).

## FINANCIAL AID

# Students leaving with low debt

By JEFF WELLS  
STAFF WRITER

While average debt for college graduates continues to increase nationally, low tuition and financial planning allow many students to leave Missouri Southern with more than lint lining their pockets.

Studies by *The Kansas City Star* and *U.S. News and World Report* found that average debt per student graduating from Southern ranked third lowest among liberal arts colleges in the Midwest.

Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, attributes students' savings to low tuition costs and a method of operation that does not promote borrowing. "We do not encourage indebtedness," Gilbert said.

During the 1996-1997 academic year, 3,749 Southern students received a

total of \$13 million in financial aid. This total includes loans, grants, scholarships, and work/study, but not the monthly payment option.

Last year, about 2,000 students borrowed around \$7 million with an average amount of \$3,520.

According to Gilbert, the total borrowed by non-traditional students is almost twice that borrowed by traditional students.

"They borrow more because they are eligible for more money," he said.

Non-traditional students tend to be independent with a higher cost of living. Traditional students rely more on their parents and are eligible for less.

"Every student is eligible for an unsubsidized loan," Gilbert said. "The question is how much does one want to borrow. You can never exceed your cost of attending."

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## By the numbers

<b>3,749</b>	Number of students who received financial aid
<b>13</b>	Millions of dollars handed out to students
<b>3,520</b>	Average dollar amount in financial aid received by students
<b>7</b>	Millions of dollars handed out in loans
<b>25</b>	Millions of dollars handed out in Pell Grants
<b>1,666</b>	Number of students who received direct loans
<b>28</b>	Number of Federal Direct PLUS loans received by Southern parents
<b>1,624</b>	Number of students awarded scholarships from College funds
<b>3</b>	Rank among lowest student debt for Midwest liberal arts colleges

All figures come from the 1996-97 academic year.

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

## BOARD OF REGENTS

# Governor has last say on open seat

## 3 vying for upcoming student regent vacancy

By AARON DESLATTE  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Three Missouri Southern student senators are hoping to fill a void that will be left on Jan. 1, when Julie Chapman completes her term as the College's student regent.

Christin Mathis, freshman secondary education major; Sandy Fisk, junior psychology major; and Lily Vazquez, sophomore international business

major, have been nominated for the position by Student Senate President Eden Aber.

Now all that remains in determining who will be awarded the position is a trip to Jefferson City.

The three candidates will be interviewed in December by Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan as the final screening phase in the student regent selection process. Carnahan will then award one candidate with the position.

Primary responsibilities of the appointee will be to act as a liaison between the Student Senate and Southern's Board of Regents and to

represent the interests of Southern students at Board meetings.

Fisk, who currently serves as Student Senate vice president, says the two-year position plays an important and often overlooked role in voicing student concerns before the two governmental bodies.

"I think it's very important, as student regent, to communicate with the Student Senate, because the senators can take [news] to their organizations and clubs all over campus," she said. "It just works as a big network."

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## STUDENT LIFE BEAT

# Away from school on a ... CAR TREK

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Whether it's postcards, marbles, pop tops, or dust bunnies, someone probably collects them. Several Missouri Southern students, however, pursue a different type of collection with all the fervor of conventional flea-market fanatics.

Andrea Wilkinson, senior English major, and Kathleen Latlip, senior communications major, collect memories. Not just run-of-the-mill memories, mind you. They collect road trip memories.

Fueled by a common obsession with the Indigo Girls, Wilkinson and Latlip take to the road to see a

concert every chance they get. So far the call of the road has taken them to New York City, New Orleans, Iowa, California, New Mexico, and Georgia.

"I feel very fortunate to have been able to go to all these places at such a young age," Latlip said. "I make videos of all our trips; I have incredible memories from each one."

Instead of leisurely sight-seeing

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safaris, Latlip describes their road trips as marathons of sleep deprivation.

"The most amazing one we did was to New Mexico," she said. "We got out of school, drove all night, got there about noon on Saturday, went to the concert that night, and headed home right after the concert."

As experienced road warriors, Latlip and Wilkinson have developed these rules for the road: the driver MUST stop when she is sleepy, no restroom stops except when stopping to get gas, and no music when someone is sleeping.

They also have a standard list of supplies that includes a map, a flashlight, ear phones, and food.

In the process of collecting memories, Latlip also adds to two other collections.

"I call myself a friend collector," she said. "After every trip, we come home with a new friend."

She also has a hefty collection of "road jokes," the kind that are only funny at 3 a.m.

Sylvain Hochart, a foreign exchange student from Caen, France, also pursues road trip memories, but his are fueled by a desire to see as much of the United States as possible in the short time he will be here.

"I like to discover the country," he said. "I want to see everything I

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SPECIAL TO THE CHART

Of the many road trips taken, one of the highlights for Andrea Wilkinson (left) and Kathleen Latlip (right) met Indigo Girl Emily Saliers.

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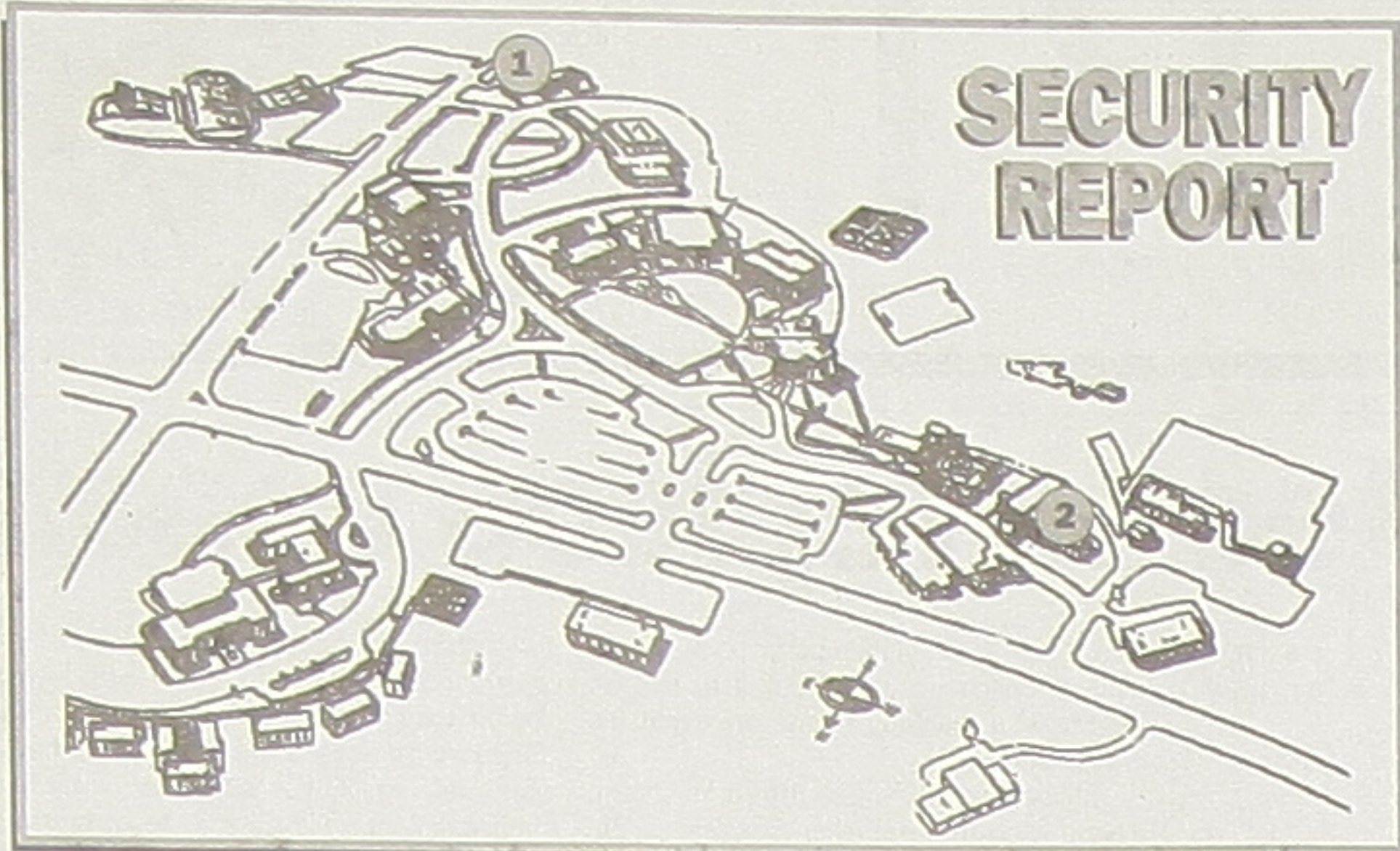
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| 1 | 11/17/97 | Lot 12        | 11:40 p.m. | Jennifer M. Moser, sophomore psychology major, and Karen Bigbee, a College secretary, were both backing out of parking spaces opposite of each other and collided in the middle of aisle causing damage to both vehicles. |
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### SPIVA LIBRARY

## Professor shares addiction

### Saltzman addresses students, faculty

By ERIC GRUBER  
CHART REPORTER

Last Thursday, 25 students, faculty, and others gathered to hear about one Missouri Southern instructor's obsession.

His name — Dr. Arthur Saltzman, professor of English.

"I love libraries," Saltzman said. "It's not the same thing as loving books, which is a passion necessary but not sufficient for the love of libraries."

Saltzman read from one of his own compositions, "Love Among the Stacks."

This particular work focused on his "wholesome addiction," the library.

He recalls how as a child he and

his brother would journey to their local library and find enjoyment and stimulation.

"I would take a trip each week to the library and be amazed at the utopian economy of that place," Saltzman said.

"You can take this book home, for free, so long as you bring it back on time. What a sensible, humane, sort of parole."

Saltzman gave mention of recently reading a book by novelist Donald Antrim, where the citizens of a near apocalyptic future hurl books at a local park in hopes of discovering strategically placed land mines.

"Had everyone gathered in the library, instead of plundering it for defense missiles, one suspects that life would have been far less forbidding in Antrim's world," he says.

Saltzman noted that there is talk of the library being outdated, due to increasing technology such as the Internet. But he said the value of the library goes beyond nostalgia.

"Friends of the library do not

come together to eulogize a lost companion," he said, "but to honor and sustain its constancy."

Saltzman's lecture was held in conjunction with The Friends of the George A. Spiva Library, a citizens' group founded to promote its educational and cultural goals.

The group also plans to sponsor events in the fall and spring. The events will shine the spotlight on individual authors and highlighting issues holding interest to the community.

Anyone interested in finding out more information about the group can pick up a brochure at the Spiva Library or write to: Friends of the George A. Spiva Library, 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, MO 64801-1595.

But it was lucid to all who attended that Saltzman's affair with the library goes beyond mere friendship and honor.

He put it in his own words, beginning the evening the same as an AA meeting: "I am here to confess, to testify my name is Art, and I am a library addict." □



Saltzman

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## ALUMNI



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

Alecia Ward stands next to a Liberty Bell replica, outside the White House. Ward graduated from Missouri Southern in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in political science. She is now employed in Washington D. C.

## Ward looks to possible governorship in future

### Alumna finds homelessness in Capitol difficult to deal with

By TAMMY SPICER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Becoming the governor of Missouri isn't the everyday ambition of most Missouri Southern students or alumni. But for one, it just seems like a natural step.

"Ideally, if everything in the world went right," said Alecia Ward, "I would like to be the governor of Missouri."

Ward, who graduated from Southern in December 1993, now works in the White House as confidential assistant to the associate director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Her goals have not always been as far-reaching as they are today, explained Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science.

"I first had her in class when she was a sophomore, I think," St. Clair recalled. "While she was obviously a very competent and powerful student, she was not fully aware of her capabilities at the time. She seemed a little unsure of herself, but that quickly changed."

Washington, D.C. was not foreign territory to Ward. She was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1992 and served an internship with the National Women's Political Caucus in 1993.

After she graduated from Southern with a degree in political science, she went on to George Washington University in D.C.

She studied for a master's degree in public administration while working the whole time on Capitol Hill.

"Her drive sets her apart," St. Clair explained. "She hasn't progressed any more rapidly than a lot of students, but she has gotten her high profile position because of her drive."

Ward, who grew up in Joplin with four older brothers, said she plans to somehow return to the state.

"I definitely miss Missouri and I always plan to go back," Ward said. "I have a lot of ties to the state. It's not a question of if I will return; it's more how and when."

Sharing a townhouse with two roommates, Ward said her favorite thing about living in a big city like Washington is the vegetarian Indian food.

"Many people don't like to see that kind of drive in a female. For a male to be coined 'aggressive' is a good thing; it is not the same for a female."

Annetta St. Clair  
associate professor  
political science

"Homelessness is the worst thing for me," Ward said. "Back in Joplin there are so many places that help the homeless. It was the hardest thing for me to get used to. And when you learn to block it out then you feel so calloused."

The White House is a difficult place to work, Ward explained. With such important people working all around, being humbled is just part of the job.

With all her experience, Ward said there is more she needs to learn before she tackles the governor's mansion.

"I've worked on Capitol Hill and in the White House," Ward explained. "Now I need to get experience in the non-profit and corporate arenas."

While her drive is one of Ward's best attributes, St. Clair said it may also cause problems for her in the future.

"Many people don't like to see that kind of drive in a female," St. Clair said. "For a male to be coined 'aggressive' is a good thing; it is not the same for a female."

"This may sound bad, but what helps her is she's blond and pretty," St. Clair said. "Unfortunately, in today's society that is necessary."

In order to reach her goals, Ward will also have to make some personal sacrifices, like perhaps deciding between a career and children, St. Clair said. But she doesn't foresee there will be much that will be able to come between Ward and her goals.

"I just hope she is able to run for governor while I am able to campaign for her," St. Clair said with a smile. □

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

## New class to explore U.S. political figures

By DEBORAH SOLOMON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Preparing for graduate school can be a difficult thing, but the social science department is making it easier for students to get the graduate school feel.

"We try to offer one seminar class every year or two," said Tom Simpson, assistant professor of political science. "It helps prepares our students for graduate programs."

Next semester, Simpson is offering American Political Character, a seminar class that explores American government and political figures in-depth and whether there is a particular culture that is strictly American.

"The class was first offered in 1992 and then again in 1995," Simpson said. "It gives political science majors a chance to use all the political science they have learned, but it is different each time."

Simpson said the class will be challenging because it is reading and writing intensive.

"People taking this class have to be ready to start from day one," he said.

Alan Brady, senior political science major, said he is taking the class not only because of the topic but also because of the instructor.

"I'm very attracted to Simpson's teaching style," he said. "I've taken other classes with him, and you leave his classes knowing what your classmates think."

"He involves the whole class, and this seminar will probably be 200 percent better than his other classes because we have more time."

Simpson said he, too, is excited about the class.

"I always get crazy about the class because I love the topic," he said. "It is an involved class; everyone has to contribute, not just me."

Simpson did say the class is open to anyone, but he suggested that only juniors or seniors enroll in it.

"It is as much about American culture as anything," he said. "However, it won't be an easy class."

"Students don't understand how much reading is required," Simpson said. "This class is really for anybody, but a student who hasn't spent a lot of time reading political-type material will have a difficult time."

Brady agreed with Simpson that non-political science majors could benefit from the course.

"The more you know about past American leaders, the better you are prepared for the future in America," Brady said.

The major emphasis for the class as a whole is participation, Simpson said.

"After discussing a topic in-depth for an hour and a half, students will have on-site essays to write," he said. "They will have to draw from their colleagues' input for those essays."

"Seminars live and die by the participation of those involved," Simpson said. "When it does work, it is a thing of beauty." □

## COMMUNICATIONS

## Showcase offers area youth glimpse of future

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Through the eyepiece of their video cameras, area grade school and high school students will focus on their futures.

Missouri Southern Television is allowing them to catch a glimpse of what that future has to offer through the Southern Video Showcase on Dec. 5.

Notice went out to schools in a nine-county region around Southern asking for the best of their students' video work. Divisions range in age from kindergarten through fifth, sixth through ninth, and 10th through 12th grades. Comedy/drama, instructional/informational, and original categories will be judged, with \$100 scholarships going to first-place recipients who are either juniors or seniors in high school.

"We've got fairly good response," said Ward Bryant, assistant professor of communications. "Many schools are just starting their media. Every year it will keep growing."

Jean Campbell, MSTV promotions director, said 230 letters were sent out to area schools as well as some that were distributed during an education conference at Lake of the Ozarks.

"I think the potential for this is great," she said. "There isn't one person's life that isn't affected by video."

The showcase will start at 10:30 a.m. at a location yet to be decided, but all the students who submitted their work are invited to attend. Beside the award presentations, Campbell said a panel discussion about media will be included as well as the presentation of the first Pioneer Broadcasting Award.

The award will be given to a local broadcaster who has contributed enormously to the region, Bryant said.

"It's educational at both ends," Campbell said. "Our students here will be able to evaluate and critique the younger students' work."

The idea for this type of program has been brewing for a while, Bryant said.

"It was one of the ideas I had when I came here, but now we had an extra individual to help put it together," he said.

Campbell said the help from the Southern students is what made this a reality. Bryant said most of the hard work is already done and won't have to be duplicated in years to come.

"At first when we got started it was kind of intense," he said. "The first time it's more time consuming." □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

### School of education offering conference

The Missouri Southern school of education is hosting its 1997 Professional Development Conference, "Inviting School Success," from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Webster Hall auditorium.

Admission is free for the conference, which is held in cooperation with the Southern Funding for Results program, teaching and learning committee, and faculty development committee.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Betty Siegel, president of Kennesaw State University, Marietta, Ga. Siegel is an internationally recognized speaker who is co-founder and co-director of the International Alliance for Invitational Education.

The "invitational" philosophy maintains that every person and everything in and around the school and classroom adds to, or subtracts from, the process of being a beneficial presence in the lives of others.

"Ideally, the factors of people, places, policies, programs, and processes should be so intentionally inviting as to create an environment in which each individual is cordially summoned to develop intellectually, socially, physically, psychologically and spiritually," she says.

To register for the conference, persons may call 625-9623, fax 625-9771, or e-mail pulliamc@mail.mssc.edu. □

### 'Newsmakers' to feature friends of Spiva Library

The Southwest Missouri Arts Council and Friends of Spiva Library will be highlighted in upcoming "Newsmakers" programs produced by Missouri Southern Television.

Jeffrey Skibbe, president of the Southwest Missouri Arts Council and station manager of 88.7 KXMS, Joplin's Fine Arts Station, will be a guest on one of the programs. Skibbe and program host Judy Stiles will discuss the role of the council in promoting arts in the region and how funding affects the arts, as well as upcoming arts programs.

The "Newsmakers" edition will air at 8 p.m. Wednesday on KGCS (cable channel 7 in Joplin and Webb City and UHF channel 57). It also will air at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 on public television station KOZJ (channel 26) and at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 on KOAM channel 7.

Dr. Karl Schmidt, Southern history professor; Joy Cragin, a member of the Friends of Spiva Library committee; and Charles Kemp, head librarian at Spiva Library, are guests on a program that will focus on how the organization supports the library at Southern. Services offered at the library will also be discussed.

The program will air at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 on KGCS; 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, on KOZJ; and 6:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13 on KOAM.

KGCS is a service of the communications department at Southern. □

### Two psychology students get research published

Students have special opportunities at Missouri Southern to do outstanding research and have that work published and recognized nationally.

Former students Melissa Fowler and Kyndal Mashburn have had their psychology research projects cited in a textbook to be marketed nationally for use in experimental psychology classes.

One of the authors of the textbook heard Fowler's oral presentation at a national convention and asked permission to cite the research in his book.

Another student, Chad Phipps, had his senior thesis published in the journal of *Psychological Inquiry*. □

## CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

## Philosophy club, forensics squad prepare for oratorical duel

By GINNY DUMOND  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Ideas will be flying and clashing as a meeting of the minds takes place between two Missouri Southern organizations.

The forensics squad and the Philosophy Club will be meeting on campus to discuss two current political issues at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2 in Webster Hall auditorium.

"The two topics are state-funded art and making the names of sex offenders available," said Becca Cassidy, sophomore communica-

tions major and forensic squad member.

"Then if there were topics related to those that the audience seemed interested in, we could also talk about those."

The debate will be open to the public. Cassidy says the event will help both parties to gain exposure.

"I think the main purpose is to get our clubs recognized on the Missouri Southern campus," said Marshall Poole, junior English major and Philosophy Club president.

"Right now we only have seven people, and we would love to have

more to travel and compete with," Cassidy said.

Dr. Barry Brown, associate professor of philosophy and the Philosophy Club's adviser, says though he knows the forensics squad will have more experience, members of his group will have a good time.

"We're being a sparing partner for Mike Tyson, but they (Philosophy Club members) thought it sounded like fun," he said.

An important aspect of the evening, according to both groups, will be the discussion of the chosen topics.

"This will be a forum where some important issues can be addressed," Brown said.

"NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) is a very important issue, not only for those on campus but for the whole community," Poole said. "And with the sex offenders topic, we wanted to touch on something that was a little more controversial, something that would be an attention grabber."

Cassidy says she thinks the two sides will combine for an interesting debate.

"Both sides will have a strong knowledge of the topics," she said.

"The forensics team tends to look at things in a more pragmatic way, and the Philosophy Club will look at things on a broader level."

After both organizations take turns debating their respective sides, the audience will be invited to participate in order to add insight to the topics and address new related issues.

"Just speaking for seven minutes [each] doesn't give much depth," Poole said. "We want to give the audience a chance to talk."

"Hopefully, we will get students in the audience who will take part in it, too," Brown said. □



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## After 5 years, College gets its report card

When I started college five years ago, I arrived at Southern with great expectations.

(Go ahead and say it because I know you are thinking it. I am on the 10-year plan.)

Now, at the mid-point of my collegiate career, I pause to consider how well Southern has lived up to those expectations.

First, I was excited about the

prospect of thousands of ladies to choose from. Coming from a school of 400 to a college of 5,000, my hormones were hoppin'. Looking back, I must give much respect to the ladies of Southern. As a matter of fact, I met a fabulous



**Tim Wilson**  
Co-Director of Photography

woman from the nursing program and married her. Score one for Southern.

Then I thought of how nice it would be to miss class whenever I wanted. If I felt like skipping class to shoot some pool, Mom wouldn't be standing over my shoulder. This explains the 10-year program. Score two for Southern.

Not all my memories are fond. My biggest disappointment so far has been the lack of enthusiasm at sporting events.

I don't mean football or men's basketball; our student body gives the proper amount of support to these sports — almost. Take, for instance, the Homecoming game. Shouldn't this be the biggest game of the year? At Southern, Homecoming takes a back seat to the Pitt State game. It's a sad sight to see more people show up for the Miner's Bowl than for most of the other games combined. An even more depressing fact is nearly half of those fans are wearing crimson and gold and have swung over from Gorilla territory.

And don't get me started on soccer or volleyball. I have the opportunity to cover both sports on film. I couldn't believe the attendance of the soccer games.

There are only three sets of bleachers on the sidelines, and they were never full.

Just in case anyone didn't know, our soccer Lions shared the conference title this season. You wouldn't have been able to tell by the attendance of those games.

I guess Southern fumbled on that drive.

I also cover the volleyball games, and I feel bad for those ladies. Did you know I got a front row parking place five minutes before the start of Friday's game? There weren't enough fans there to open both sets of bleachers.

The concession stand was closed because there weren't enough customers to warrant opening it. I didn't even have to leave early to beat the traffic rush.

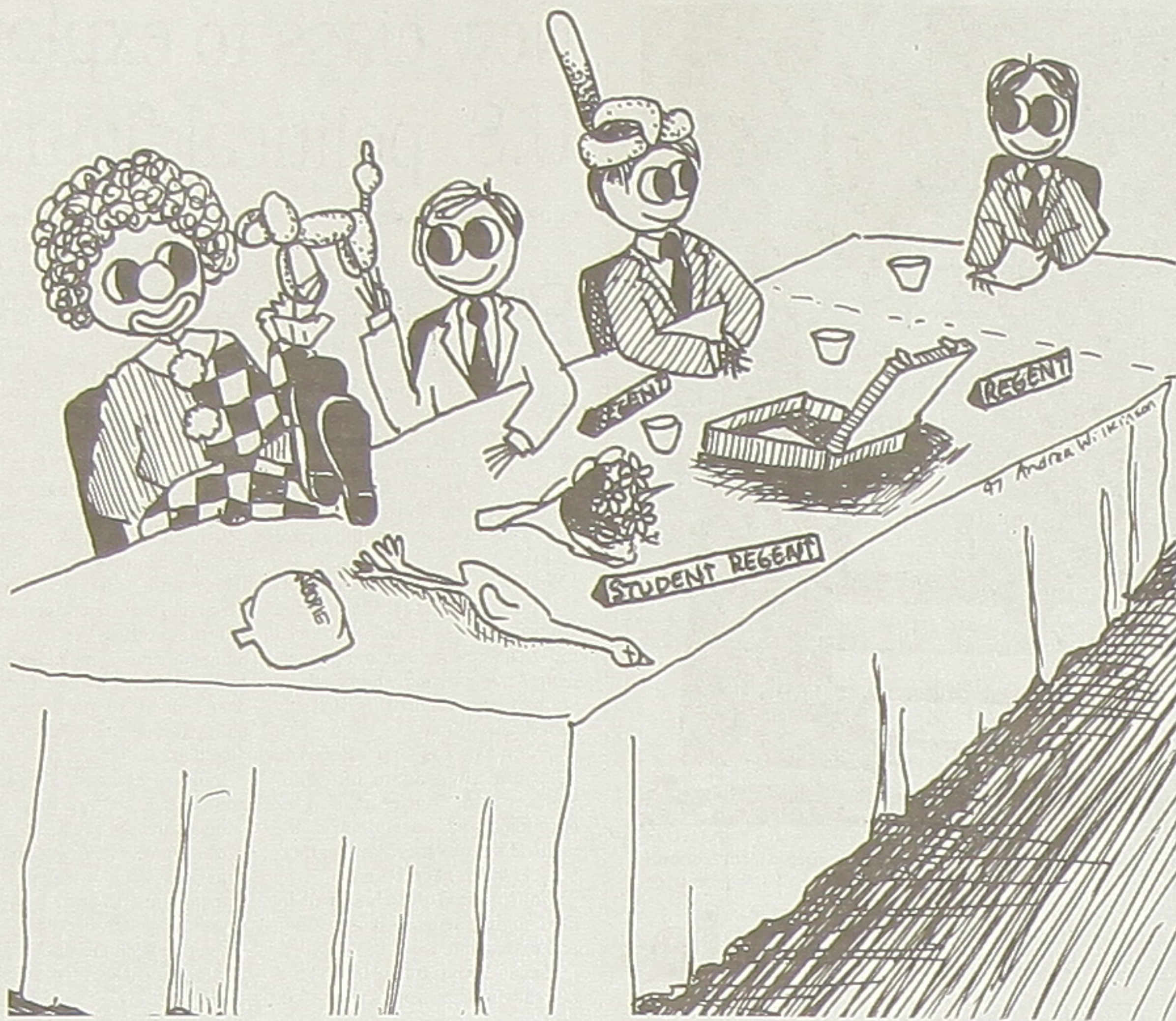
Southern punts again.

The basketball Lady Lions have their home opener on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. I leave you with this challenge. Show me I am wrong about our level of support — pack the house and raise the roof.

I'll be there and I'll be watching. Make me park in the last space on the lot.

Make me wait in line at the concession stand for the entire halftime break.

Make me want to leave early to beat the traffic rush. I dare you. Are you Lions or cubs? □



## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Student regent needs voice

It is the sentiment of a growing number of students and faculty that the voice of Missouri Southern's student body has been reduced to a faint whisper. Or maybe even a yawn.

While three Southern student senators contend for one of the most important and influential student-held positions on campus, it seems that a majority of the students this position represents either don't know or don't care about the results. This is not the fault of the current holder of this position, but rather the result of a gross under-estimation by all involved as to the job's full potential.

Southern's student regent, a two-year position appointed by the governor of Missouri, exists for the primary purpose of representing the College's student body before Southern's Board of Regents, but the student regent is not permitted to attend closed meetings and or vote on matters before the Board.

America learned in its colonial days that a voice without a vote can hardly be considered a voice at all. It is no wonder students take little interest in a position with a job description that resembles a glorified message carrier.

Whichever nominee is appointed student regent will undoubtedly represent the student body well, as all are able candidates.

But the idea that Southern students have an equal voice without the ability to influence policymaking seems unlikely, at best.

Before Southern students will begin to take notice of the student regent, some semblance of fair representation must take shape, and some measure of credibility must be granted to the position.

This task will not fall on the shoulders of our student regent, but lies squarely with our state representatives and senator.

For the last five years, State Rep. Craig Hosmer (D-Springfield) has submitted a bill to the House that would grant student and faculty regents access to all regent meetings, but not surprisingly, the bill has failed to pass each time.

It is hardly surprising that Southern's student voice has grown so hoarse. Rather than prescribing a dose of Nyquil, why not give the students equal representation so their regent won't have to shout so loud? □

## Teacher first, coach second

When considering who will replace Jon Lantz as head coach of the Missouri Southern football team, the first consideration that should board the search committee's train of thought is the applicant's academic qualifications.

Whether some at this College believe it or not, it does require intelligence to gain a degree in kinesiology (physical education). Being taught a subject by a person who has the minimum requirement of teaching expertise is not in the best interest of the College nor the department.

Not to diminish the significance of a degree this College offers, but there are surely applicants who have attained further academic credentials. That's who is being hired; foremost an instructor, secondly a football coach.

It is this College's belief instructors should have at least a master's degree to teach. To ignore that tradition would be a significant blow to the academic standard of Southern.

Currently, every single full-time instructor has a degree that required studies beyond the degree their students are attaining.

For example, a dental hygiene instructor with only a bach-

elor's degree is one degree above the program's associate degree.

Also, in the world of NCAA Division I football, the Nebraska Cornhuskers' head football coach, Tom Osborne, carries a Ph.D. onto the field with him. Mizzou coach Larry Smith has a master's. One of the most successful coaches in college football history, Eddie Robinson of Grambling State University, holds a master's degree and two honorary doctorates.

Conversely, Penn State's Joe Paterno holds only a bachelor's degree, but the head coach of Penn State isn't required to spend as much time in the classroom as a Southern coach. Hiring an individual without the proper credentials would be unjust to the faculty of Southern already in place as well as the faculty who will have to face the requirements in the future. Most of all, it will be unfair to the students who are entitled to the best education this College can offer.

It has been a long time since Missouri Southern has set a precedent on the gridiron. Hiring an instructor, who will also serve as football coach, without having the right academic credentials is one precedent Southern doesn't need to break. □

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Incorporating China in class adds challenges

Integrating China into nursing courses this semester has been a challenge and a growth experience for the faculty and students in the department of nursing.

Aside from the decorations and sayings located in Kuhn Hall, the nursing faculty have had the opportunity to observe the knowledge that students have incorporated into their assessment of clients and papers. With this approach, students have expanded their knowledge and clinical practice to another world population.

Some aspects of Chinese health-care beliefs and practices that the students focused on were: the meaning of life and sources of strength, health-seeking beliefs and practices, responsibility for health care, folk practices, and integration of this knowledge into the nursing process. Most of the students indicated a strong interest in the folk practices known as traditional Chinese medicine which incorporates five substances: Qi, the energy; Xue, the blood; Jing, the essence; Shen, the spirit; and Jing ye, the body fluids. They also described the two forces that the Chinese believe maintains a happy and healthy life: yin and yang and harmony of the two, which is Dao.

Many Americans are seeking alternative methods of healing and health restoration through the use of several of the traditional Chinese medicine practices. Acupuncture is considered to relieve pain or produce anesthesia. Herbal remedies that are widely used in the practice of Chinese healing are available and used today here in Joplin. Ginseng, an herb, which is derived from the root of a plant that resembles a man, is recommended for use in many ailments. It has maintained its therapeutic reputation for centuries and continues to be a valuable and widely used herb.

It appears that our society is attempting to incorporate traditional Chinese medicine in conjunction with modern western medicine. Since China has incorporated modern western medicine into its traditional medicine practices does not mean that the two will blend well here in America. Our society has not had the opportunity to learn the knowledge that is required to use another culture's health remedies by simply reading labels. It has taken the Chinese centuries to develop treatments for diseases which have been passed down through generations. A cautious approach to combining the two health practices is warranted, and, of course, always check with your physician prior to beginning a self-prescribed herbal treatment.

The Nursing Honor Society at Southern presented a program titled, "Two Nations: One Nursing Agenda," which brought students and nursing leaders in the community together to learn more about China as presented by Dr. Conrad Gubera and nursing research in Taiwan presented by Dr. Anne Coleman from the University of Arkansas Medical Center. The availability of this scholarly experience has made our nursing students more aware of health from a global perspective. The learning activities that the nursing students have accomplished will prepare them to assess and incorporate interventions that respect the Chinese client's use of traditional medicine practices and be more astute in assessing the use of herbal therapy by clients who self-prescribe.

The international mission of Missouri Southern has certainly had its effect on the department of nursing this semester, and it has been positive. □



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# Hearse idles in wake of low horsepower

The Knell brothers need a few good draft pulling horses

By TERESA BLAND  
CO-DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

The silent memento now resides in a narrow shed surrounded by garden implements. Its day has come and gone. For some people, it is a fascinating relic, a priceless historical treasure. To others, it is a reminder of what is to come in the future.

Horse-drawn hearses began to be replaced with motorized cars around 1917, but a few have survived in this era of black Cadillacs and Lincoln Continentals. Once they were a sign of sadness and sorrow, but now they have become a symbol of what used to be.

The owners of Knell Mortuary in Carthage, Bob and Frank Jr., have received numerous requests to bring their old horse-drawn hearse to area parades. "But they won't furnish the horses," Frank Jr. said.

Their cherry wood hearse with brass trimmings originally was

made in 1896 by McCabe Powers Company. The 76-year-old Knell brothers have owned it for about 30 years.

"We got it from a place down in southeast Missouri," Bob said. "We spent quite a little bit cleaning it up and restoring it."

"Lee Thompson and myself refinished the outside of it the best we could," Frank Jr. said. "After all their hard work, they've still had to make repairs."

"We had an old guy that thought he was smart and got it out of the shed by himself and took the whole damn roof off, so we had to

get another one back on," Bob said. "We had to have one of the wheels rebuilt because the spokes dried out. We used to take them off and take them out to our cousin's pond and let them soak for a week, but we haven't done that in the past few years."

At one time, a person could look inside the hearse, through the original curtains, and see a five-foot-long mummy-shaped coffin inside.

"We put in that old hearse just for the heck of it and we've had a lot of fun with it," Frank Jr. said.



An 1896 horse drawn McCabe Powers hearse, owned by Bob and Frank Knell, Carthage, was once a symbol of deep sadness. Now it is a symbol of what used to be. The Knell brothers also own Knell Mortuary.

A hundred years ago, Bob said they don't know how to pull anything," Frank Jr. said.

Since there is a shortage of available pulling horses, the old hearse has made only six appearances in the last 10 years.

"We took it over to Arma, Kan., because they said they had horses over there," Bob said. "We got there, but the guy didn't show up with the horses. We set it (the hearse) out in the park and let the people come look at it."

The hearse is rather heavy and requires a special type of horse or mule to pull it.

"They have to be draft horses.

The Knell brothers have had requests from people wanting to use the hearse for funerals, but with the problems of transporting the old hearse, they have to decline. Bob said a funeral director in Georgia purchased an old hearse last year for \$10,000 and had it restored.

"I see him every year at our national convention and he said that they use it as much on funerals today as he does on the new cars he's got." □

**"We can't use riding horses because they don't know how to pull anything."**

**Bob Knell**  
Co-owner, Knell Mortuary

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## Nuts & Bolts

### Grease vital for good life

Own an older vehicle can sometimes be a pain in the wallet, especially when you're not able to work on it yourself.

It didn't bother me so much when I was able bodied, but it really ticks me off when some little thing goes wrong with my van now. It just really irritates me to have to call a mechanic and then wait until he has time to squeeze me in. Maybe it would be different if I was ignorant about working on cars or had no interest in auto mechanics. But I do like cars. I do know how to work on them, and I've never been afraid of getting my hands dirty.

Part of the problem, of course, is the expense of hiring someone to do the work. Little simple things, like regular maintenance, are especially annoying to me when I have to get somebody else to do them for me. Things like tune-ups, oil changes, replacing belts or hoses, or brake jobs are good examples of this. Before I broke my neck, I grew up learning to do these things.

My first car was a 1956 Chevy that had been sitting in the junkyard, deteriorating, for about 10 years. My dad made a deal with me. He let me have the car free. I just had to put the work into fixing it up myself. It was a quite a job, as would be expected of a car sitting dormant for that length of time. I had to replace the tires, plugs, plug wires, oil, windshield wipers, lights, front clip, seats and headliner, and hoses to get it in shape to drive.

Before my disability, I always worked on all my own vehicles. It was even a social thing at times. My buddies and I would often have get-togethers to work on each other's cars. Now I have to pay somebody else to do the work, when I'm mentally capable of doing it myself. That really takes a bite out of my limited income.

My mechanics say they understand, and they usually let me know what the job's going to cost before they do the work. The guy who did the tune-up on my van last weekend even tries to give me a break. But he has to charge for labor. That's how he puts food on the table for his family.

Besides, I know he earns his money. He does a good job, and he'll do it on the weekend. That is another thing I like about taking the van to him. He understands I go to school every day and can't just call a cab or catch a ride with a friend at a moment's notice. Preventative maintenance has to be done when I can afford the time to be without the van for a day.

I do appreciate the people who keep my vehicle running. I really do. I just want to be able to do it myself.

I think men are instinctively attracted to mechanic work. It's in our blood. Grease is a life necessity we can't live without. We are petroleum powered.

That's one of the reasons I like working on this page. It, at least, gives me the chance to get out and see what others are doing with their cars.

If I can't do the work myself, at least I can watch. □



**Kevin Coleman**  
Associate Editor

#### STUDENT FEATURE



Tony Arnall, senior math major, gets 18 miles per gallon with his new 350 engine, compared to 12 mpg with the 1955 Chevy's 6-cylinder.

## Arnall taking time refurbishing gift '55

By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It has been through some changes, but the classic car Tony Arnall's parents gave him when he graduated from high school is the one he's still driving today.

Arnall, a senior mathematics major at Missouri Southern, has done a considerable amount of work on the 1955 Chevrolet sedan in the six years he has been driving it.

"When I got it, it was [painted] primer red," he said. "I've taken a lot of time getting some work done to it."

Arnall has painted the two-tone — white over blue — Chevy once, but because he drives it nearly every day, he is getting ready to paint it again.

"That's the problem with driving on gravel," he said. "When you drive down the road, the paint gets chips in it. So I've been trying, a little bit at a time, to sand the chips, trying to keep it from rusting out. When the weather gets warmer, I think I'm going to repaint the whole front clip."

Besides the gravel chips, an incident last week gave Arnall another reason to paint the front of his car.

"A car sideswiped me on Newman Road when it was changing lanes," he said. "It put three scratches right around the wheel opening. Other than that, the car wasn't hurt. I'm just lucky he only got the fender."

The body of the car isn't the only thing Arnall has been working on. The Chevy's original 235-cubic-inch, six-cylinder engine has been

replaced with a 350 V8, and a three-speed turbo automatic transmission has been installed in place of the two-speed powerglide that originally powered the four-door sedan.

The change gave Arnall about 315 horse power. It also increased his gas mileage from 12 miles per gallon to 18 mpg.

"He brought all kinds of engine blocks in here, trying to find one that wasn't cracked and was worth rebuilding," said Richard Danner, counter man at United Automotive.

"I remember he brought in two or three that had some kind of mystery problems. Then he'd drag them back out to his house, so he has a big dead engine pile at his house."

"I was really impressed when he got it together," Danner added. "I didn't expect it to be that fast. He said it was 9-1/2 to 1 compression, which didn't really sound all that zoomy to me. I thought he was getting way too much of a cam shaft, but it all seems to work together pretty good."

"I've got about \$1,600 in the engine now," Arnall said. "That's not too bad if you figure about \$5 per horse power."

The interior of the car had to be fixed up, too.

Wanting to keep it looking close to original, Arnall had the seats upholstered in black, two-inch cloth tuck and roll.

Arnall said he gets a lot of offers from people wanting to buy the car.

"A couple of years ago a woman offered to trade me her 1993 Buick LeSabre, straight across, for it," he said. "She told me she had one just like it when she was younger, and she wanted another one." □

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**10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.**—Thanksgiving Buffet, BSC 3rd floor. Roast beef, roast turkey, corn-on-the-cob, dessert bar. Free to board students, \$5.00 others.  
**Noon**—Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 306  
**2 p.m.**—Traffic Appeals Committee  
**5:30 p.m.**—Mens' Basketball v. St. Edward's (Texas) University at PSU Classic  
**7:30 p.m.**—Newton County Ambulance Benefit, "Kountry Kuzins", Taylor Performing Arts Center

### Saturday 22

National Cross Country Championship, Kenosha, Wisconsin  
**8:30 a.m.**—Joplin Piano Teachers Festival, Webster Auditorium  
**5:30 p.m.**—Men's Basketball v. William Jewell (Mo.) College at PSU Classic

### Sunday 23

**1 p.m.**—Joplin Piano Teachers student recital, Webster Aud.  
**5 p.m.**—Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church  
**7 p.m.**—Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement  
•Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

### Monday 24

**7 p.m.**—Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

### Tuesday 25

**Noon**—Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313  
**12:15 p.m.**—Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Heames Hall, Room 211  
**12:20 p.m.**—College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311  
**7:30 p.m.**—Men's basketball v. Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

### Wednesday 26

No Classes

### Thursday 27



Thanksgiving Holiday

### Friday 28

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**7:30 p.m.**—Men's Basketball v. Northeastern State at Missouri Southern Freeman Sports Medicine Classic

### Saturday 29

**7:30 p.m.**—Men's Basketball v. Arkansas Tech at Missouri Southern Freeman Sports Medicine Classic

#### Attention:

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#### HEALTH

## Diet pill woes create catch-22 dilemma

Doctors and consumers weigh risks and benefits of diet supplement drugs

By EILEEN COR  
STAFF WRITER

America's focus on weight control began in 1963 with Coca-Cola's introduction of Tab, the very first sugar free soda. The addictive amphetamines followed suit until the diet scene was spiced up with popular diet drugs.

New government studies have shown that 25 percent of dieters who took popular diet drugs, such as fenfluramine and Redux, developed heart-valve problems. These problems can be mild, moderate, or severe. Because of this high number of incidents, both Redux and fenfluramine were removed from pharmacies in September by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories.

Pulmonary hypertension, aggressiveness, fatigue, depression, concentration problems, and sleep disturbance are other health risks of diet pills.

Shelly Harmon, sophomore undecided major, has been taking diet pills under the care of her physician since May 1996. She has lost 100 pounds to date.

She began with the combination of fenfluramine and phentermine (fen-phen), then after fenfluramine was taken off the market, she continued only with the phentermine. She said she continues to lose

weight, but not as fast as before.

"There are pros and cons to taking them," she said. "I haven't had any side effects."

"I would advise people not to take them if they want to lose 20 pounds, but find another alternative. It's only for people who are obese [20 percent above average body weight for their height]. It's not a quick fix, because if you don't eat right you will gain the weight back."

Some professionals believe the media have concentrated on the negative aspects of diet pills rather than presenting the public with an overall look.

"The problems have probably been around for 30 years, but the diet and those drugs have not been so popular," said Dr. Eugene Langevin, a Joplin cardiologist. "If you've got 100,000 people in the United States on that drug, then the amount of side effects is still small, and it doesn't draw the attention. But if you've got a million people on that drug, 1 percent of a million people becomes a different kettle of fish. Now the problem attracts some national attention."

Langevin compares the situation with estrogen and its link to cancer. "An analogy to that is with estrogen and heart disease," he said. "If you put every woman in the United States on [estrogen], you're going to have more problems. But if you take that out of context and just say that estrogen is a dangerous drug because it produced breast cancer and cervical cancer in a certain number of women and then you pull it off the market — how many

women are going to die from heart disease?"

"If you pull [diet] drugs off the market, how many people are going to die from obesity?" Langevin said the larger the number of people in a study, the larger the amount of side effects.

"That doesn't mean that it's a bad drug," he said. "I think the diet drugs have gotten bad press. I don't think in 1997 there are any more complications than there were in 1957."

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Following a recent study that linked two popular diet drugs to heart disease, consumers keep a wary eye on other diet supplements as professionals debate the risks and benefits.

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Health problems related to obesity are numerous. Heart disease, respiratory conditions, gallbladder disease, high cholesterol, hypertension, orthopedic conditions, non-insulin-dependent diabetes, and sleep apnea are just a few.

Some experts see the entire situation as a catch-22.

"Diet pills and severe diets are not clinically applicable to the patients who need them the most," said Dr. Marcus DeSio, a Joplin neurologist.

"The use of such drugs as fen-phen was not intended for healthy young people trying to lose 10, 30, or 40 pounds."

"It was intended for the morbidly obese, cardiac, diabetic, emphysemic, or stroke patients. These people, however, are at greatest risk of an adverse reaction or complication for the use of these drugs." □

#### GEOGRAPHY

## Students promote awareness

By MARILYN TAFT  
STAFF WRITER

Geography awareness will be a thing of the future for Missouri Southern students and the community if Dr. Binita Sinha and the Geography Club are successful.

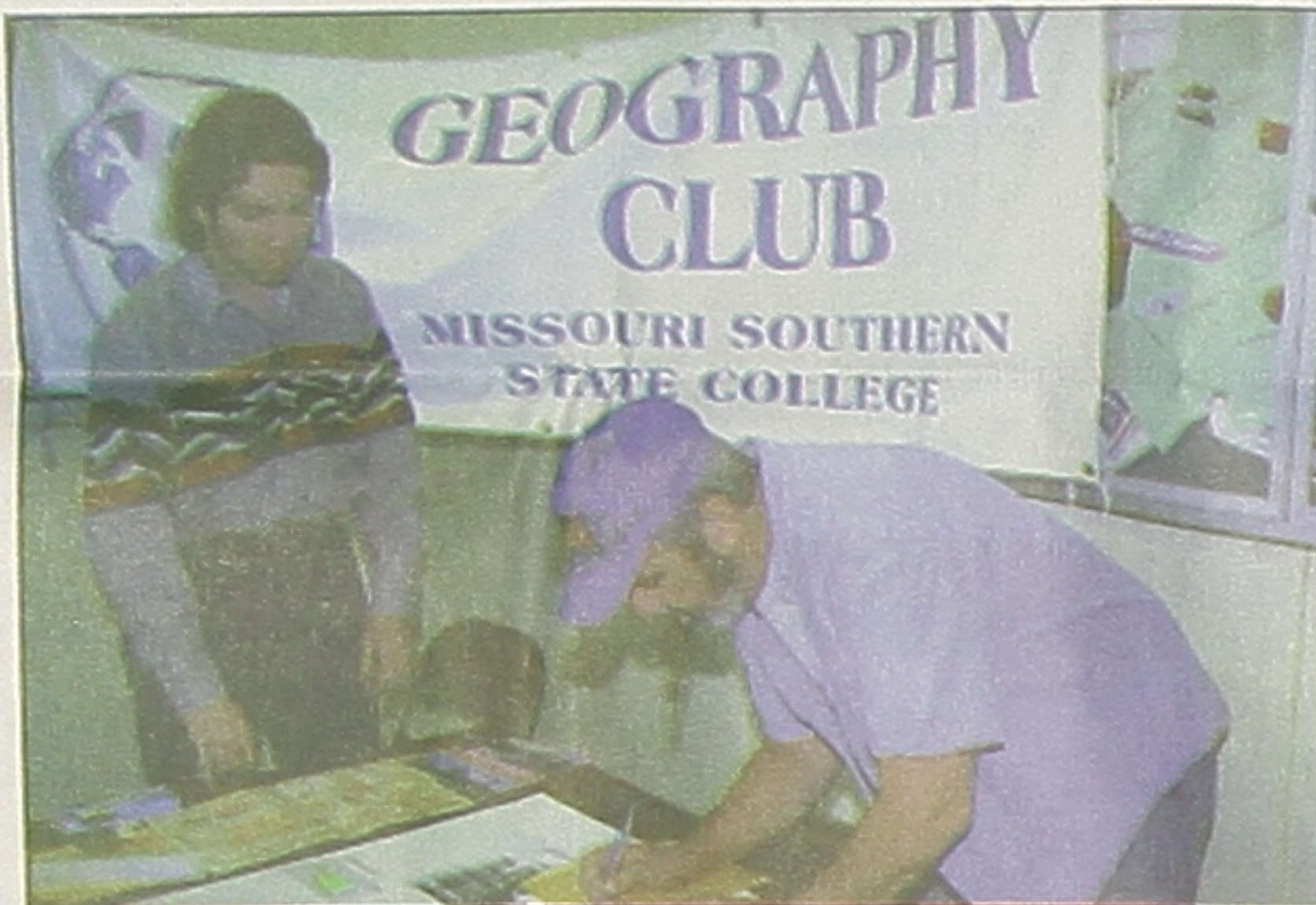
"There is a kind of phobia against geography among students," said Sinha, assistant professor of geography. "They are led to perceive it as a subject to memorize places, countries, and capital cities."

But that's a very small part, about 1 percent, she said. The other part of geography is using the knowledge about the world to analyze different phenomena in many places.

Sinha's plans for the future are to educate students as well as the community about the exciting aspects of geography.

Graphic Information Systems (GIS) is the geography minor's newest technology.

"It [GIS] is a popular technique for collecting, processing, analyzing, and displaying data using a



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E. C. Anderson, junior sociology major, visits a booth set up by the Geography Club, manned by Steve Jones, freshman accounting major, during Geography Awareness Week.

computer and the program," Sinha said.

Any task that has to do with location, Sinha added, can utilize this program. It is used for traffic control, retail business, city planning and expansion, and fire fighting, to name a few.

"It started in geography but has spread out," she said.

Sinha teaches a class that begins with the fundamentals of map making and moves on to the use of the GIS computer program.

Amy Thomas, senior history

major and secretary for the Geography Club, said her father uses GIS systems for his agricultural projects.

"It has to do with precision farming and mapping," Thomas said. "It aids in crop production because it helps you spray the proper amounts of fertilizer for the various needs of one field. If the nutrients are right, then you can grow more crops per acre and that means more food."

The Geography Club is planning a trip to the

University of Arkansas to tour the GIS laboratory there. The club also is doing its part in the advancement of geography by participating in Geography Awareness Week. The theme for this year is "Explore the World—Geography Takes You Places."

Every day, members will have a new display on the stairwell of the Billingsly Student Center. They will be selling T-shirts mapped with neon colors, displaying materials, and playing games. □

#### FORENSICS

## Debate squad seeks recruits

By BTH HAMILTON  
STAFF WRITER

Since all work and no play makes a person dull, it would seem at first glance that the forensics squad members would leave everyone snoring. Yet they are neither dull nor boring.

This year's forensics squad has placed at six of seven competitions and will send two teams to the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) and American Forensics Association (AFA) national tournaments.

Cur Gilstrap, director of forensics and instructor of speech communications, is receiving his master's degree at Southwest Missouri State University. This is his first semester to teach at Southern, and he said he is pleased with the team's efforts.

"I think that this team is outstanding," he said. "Mot squads that we've come up against have depth for a number of reasons. They have veterans who have been around a year, two, three already."

Beca Cassidy, sophomore secondary education major, said this is the first year of college debate for everyone on the team. They began this year with a new team, as there wasn't a team last year.

"I think the reason we don't get a lot of recognition here at Southern is because we're brand new and this is our first year doing this kind of debate," she said.

"This is a completely new style of debate for everyone in the debate program here," she said. "Parliamentary debate isn't offered at the high school level; at least none of us were exposed to it."

Parliamentary debate, which parallels the style of official debates, requires liberal research. It is an argumentation debate where 15 minutes are allotted for competitors to prepare for arguments over various motions/resolutions.

There are many other types of debates at the tournaments.

"There hasn't been an individual events squad on campus since '93," Gilstrap said. "That makes a huge difference because there's been nothing around to build for individual events, which are the public speaking events and the interpretive events."

Currently the forensics squad sports a "stable eight" (eight regular members).

Clay Routledge, junior psychology major, has won first place for a speech at one of the tournaments.

"I think it's a good experience to become familiar with public speaking," he said. "And I think it's fun."

Cassidy, who is on the parliamentary debate team said high school and college debate are similar.

"First I did it because I really enjoyed it in high school," she said. "I also want to kind of stay in the groove because the basic theory in college and high school debate is the same."

Gilstrap is still looking for people to be on the Southern forensics squad and says scholarships are available for next semester.

"If you have dramatic background or interpretive events background from high school or from other colleges, come talk with me and we can set the date for trouts," Gilstrap said. □

#### CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

## Model U.N. Club flexes diplomatic muscles

By MICHAEL RASKA  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Providing an opportunity to study and debate the most pressing international issues, Missouri Southern's Model United Nations Club helps to prepare its members for a future in politics and diplomacy.

"The Model United Nations is a simulation of a real United Nations," said Alicia Nielsen, junior political science major. "We emulate the same system of laws and rules as the United Nations. It is a preparation for the real diplomatic work."

Nielsen said participants of Model United Nations engage in role-playing, public speaking, debate, negotiations, research, and leadership activities.

Recently, nine members of Southern's Model United Nations Club participated in the American Model United Nations in Chicago. The Southern delegation played the role of Denmark at the conference.

"It was a lot of fun," Nielsen said. "We had a chance to meet many people with different backgrounds and participate with high-credited universities such as Harvard, University of Texas at Austin, and University of Missouri-Columbia."

Each college represents a foreign country in many committees and councils that participate in specific cases, according to Alan Brady, senior political science major.

"For example, at the conference I was assigned to the Historical Security Council in which we are sent back in time to evaluate a specific historical event," Brady said. "We were sent back to 1967 and analyzed the Six Day War."

The head delegate at the conference was Nick Prewett, senior political science major and president of the Southern Model United Nations Club.

"I was on the Force committee," Prewett said. "We talked about decolonization of the world, restructuring the U.N. security council, and the role of refugees."

Nielsen received an award as the Best Justice on the International Court of Justice for her performance.

"I had the privilege to be elected as the president of the International Court of Justice," she said. "Our task was to review and discuss the crash of Boeing 747 at Lockerbie in Scotland, evaluate the incident in general, and point out the role of Libya and other countries."

Nielsen said to prepare for these specific cases, members of the Model United Nations Club get their information directly from the United Nations Web site and by contacting embassies around the world.

Other Southern delegates were Sarah Smith, senior elementary education major; E.C. Anderson, junior sociology major; Caleb Browning, sophomore physics major; Mark Cash, sophomore undecided major; Josh Hailey, sophomore history major; and Ivy Hagedorn, freshman undecided major. Advising the delegation was Dr. William Kumbier, associate professor of English. □



## NIGHT LIFE

# Club owners respond to blues requests

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Bringing the music that made Rick Estrin, Corey Stevens, Lightnin' Hopkins, and Memphis Slim famous to the city of Joplin is the central goal of a local group formed two weeks ago.

The Midwest Blues Society is comprised of several individuals and local businesses who have an avid interest in seeing blues come to Joplin.

Kenny's Dance Club and Champs Pub and Grill have unified manpower to help boost the society's efforts, but the initial idea was spawned not by the clubs but by a patron of one of the establishments who enjoyed the blues and wanted to see more.

"Actually, it was a customer who came up with the idea and actually brought it around to existence," said Keith McCoy, promotion manager at Champs. "It was kind of the combination of a lot of different people in the area who enjoy listening to blues that got the group started, but it wasn't just a Champs' thing. This is something that Champs is supporting."

Appreciation for the blues has risen to great heights in the four-state area and is probably what prompted the formation of the group. A quest for "the truth" is what Jon Howard, KRPS general manager and former blues show DJ, says has prompted the interest in the music genre.

"I think that people are wanting something in music more honest and basic, and the blues are both," Howard said.

"People can't relate to a lot of the music today, but there is a great amount of support for the blues in this area."

The blues crew is complete with a fundamental mission and goal.

**"I think that people are wanting something in music more honest and basic...the blues are both."**

**Jon Howard**  
KRPS manager

"Our objective is to within two years have a Joplin blues festival that Joplin can be proud of," McCoy said.

Although a more diverse offering of entertainment is the main focus of the club, it is not the only focus. The blues society also aspires to increase commerce and interest in downtown Joplin.

"[Midwest Blues Society] wants to promote downtown," McCoy said.

"We want to have as many businesses grow as we can."

So far the effort has been well received and other night spots are indicating they, too, would like to be a part of it.

"We want the Kitchen Pass to be a part of it and [the owner] has shown interest, Kenny's [Dance Club] is now involved, and we've talked with Red Hot and Blue (a barbecue restaurant on Range Line) and they've said they were interested as well," McCoy said.

Midwest Blues Society is working on a logo and newsletter that will serve to promote interest in the society's goal.

Other gimmicks that the clubs are using to proselytize

uninterested parties are jam sessions, drink specials, and the steady rhythm of blues straining over the sound system for background music.

Kenny's Dance Club has a blues jam every Thursday and advertises "Blues" Jell-O shots (alcoholic drinks made with gelatin).

Champs dedicates Tuesday as its blues jam night and plays blues constantly in the backroom.

During blues jams, the bands featured usually play one set uninterrupted and then anyone in the audience is welcome to join in with their respective instruments.

McCoy says the Tuesday night "jam fest" has revved up business on an otherwise "off" night.



Smoot Mahuti, a local blues band, is comprised of organist Rusty Knight, guitarists John Moss and Judd Garout, bassist Scotty Eastman, and drummer Mike Ray.

"[Champs] was about ready to shut down on Tuesday nights. We were barely bringing enough people in to keep the pub open," he said. "But now, Tuesday night is one of our best nights."

But prosperity for all isn't enough to keep Midwest Blues Society content. Its sights are set on seeing a blues festival come to Joplin.

"We don't want a kinky dink party," McCoy said. "We want to bring in good headliners. If the Memorial Hall is still

here, we want to book it up. We want to chain off downtown and have people just be able to walk around and see different shows."

Scott Ellis, a blues musician who recently played a set at Champs, told McCoy that the word was out on the blues entertainment circuit about the events going on in Joplin.

"[Ellis] said that the word was out and a lot of big names are looking at coming to Joplin," McCoy said. □

## SPIVA ART GALLERY



Jennifer Smith, sophomore art education major, examines merchandise at Southern's pottery sale.

# Ceramic sale offers wide variety

By MARLA HINKLE  
STAFF WRITER

Collectors of ceramics have a wide array of handmade pottery to choose from at the Missouri Southern Christmas Pottery Exhibition and Sale.

The show began Monday in the Spiva Art Gallery and will continue through Dec. 4.

Jon Fowler, professor of art, said most of the pieces are functional fire-thrown pottery.

"The majority of these pieces could be utilized for various purposes, such as coffee mugs, without fear of lead poisoning," Fowler said.

"The students use three types of basic clays,

which are porcelain, stoneware, and earthenware. Some pieces are thrown on a potter's wheel and glazed at very high temperatures of 2,350 degrees Fahrenheit," he said.

A highlight of the show will be the items made by the RAKU method, an ancient Japanese technique for making pottery.

"The procedure should only take from 30 to 45 minutes to show people a finished product," Fowler said.

Donna Byrum, art major, said the show had several unique pieces to offer.

"I used to make and buy a lot of ceramic pieces, and this show has a wide range of unique pieces to choose from with reasonable prices," she said. □

## MUSIC FEATURE

# Ska band perseveres

Local musicians prepare for second recording project

By BRIAN PALMER  
STAFF WRITER

Recently ska has garnered a small but devoted following in the music world, and the local music scene has a strong representative in the Rowskabouts.

Adam Speer, trumpeter and a freshman chemistry major at Missouri Southern, defines the Rowskabouts as "super happy fun ska."

"We're eight idiots that tried to form a band," said guitarist/vocalist John Gilbreth, a junior at McAuley High School in Joplin.

Rounding out the lineup are Dale Benfield, senior at Joplin High School and alto sax player; Robby Corcoran, senior at McAuley High School and bass player; Mike Weston, Southern freshman music major and drummer; Gene Herbert, senior at McAuley High School and tenor saxophonist; Doug Dicharry, senior at Joplin High School and trombone player; and Arin Gilbert, junior at Joplin High School and guitarist.

However, this begs the question: what is "ska?"

"If reggae and jazz had sex, [ska] would be the offspring," Benfield said.

"But it has sort of a rock feel, too," Speer added. "I'd say it's happy music."

The Rowskabouts' musical influences include MU330, big band jazz, and what Speer calls "first wave ska." They also list former local ska band "Big Bad Chubba" as an influence, and Gilbreth adds "caffeine."

The Rowskabouts' approach their live show a little differently than they approach studio recording.

"[We] go insane and have as much fun as possible," Speer said.

"Fun is the key word," Dicharry added.

The band is currently finishing up an album recorded at Queen City Media Ltd. in Springfield.

This will complement the merchandising part of bandwork, at which the Rowskabouts have been successful.

The group has several items for sale at each show, including their previous album, T-shirts, and buttons.

The band hopes to tour the entire summer in 1998 to spread their ever-expanding fan base. □

## MEMORIAL HALL

# Veteran country tour showcases rookie opening act

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Nov. 28, three of country music's hottest acts will have Joplin feeling "Country Crazy."

Blackhawk and Little Texas will be joined by rising country music star and special guest Michael Peterson.

Blackhawk burst onto the country music scene in 1994 with such hits as "Goodbye Says It All," "Every Once In A While," and "I'm Not Strong Enough to Say No."

Little Texas will be revisiting Joplin after a

four-year hiatus and further billboard success.

Peterson, the new kid on the block, is experiencing early success on the competitive country music scene.

Peterson's first single off his self-titled debut album, "Drink, Swear, Steal, and Lie" was a top five hit.

His follow up single "From Here to Eternity" is currently in the top three on the charts and still going strong.

"From Here to Eternity" is a love song people are getting engaged to," said Nancy Wise, publicist for Peterson.

Wise believes Peterson's energy and sincerity are responsible for his success with his audience.

"There's something special about Michael," she said. "The crowd just goes nuts over him."

Peterson will be kicking off the show on Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. at Joplin's Memorial Hall.

Tickets for the show are available at Memorial Hall, Dillons in Joplin and Pittsburg, and Buy For Less in Miami. Tickets can also be charged by phone to Visa or Mastercard by calling (417) 623-1800.

Renovations to Memorial Hall are currently under proposal.

Al Zar, of Zar Entertainment Group, believes though some renovations to Memorial Hall are needed, they are minor.

"As with any older building, it just needs a facelift," he said.

"The acoustics in Memorial Hall are very good."

Whether the plans for proposed renovations are passed or not, with tickets still available, country music fans will not have to wonder "What Might Have Been" at a show so packed with talent. □

## Coming Attractions

### On Campus



### Performances

■ Dec. 6, 7—The Stolen Prince, Taylor Auditorium

#### TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

Jan. 28-31—The Runner Stumbles

Feb. 25-28—Guys and Dolls

April 18, 19—Beauty and the Beast

#### MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM

Foreign Films

Feb. 17—Il Grido (The Outcry)

March 3—Page of Madness

March 17—The Promoter

March 31—The Forty-First

April 14—The Torment

### Joplin



■ Nov. 28—Blackhawk with Little Texas, Memorial Hall

#### CHAMPS 782-4944

Every Tuesday—Blues Jam, open mic for musicians  
Nov. 22—Prodical Sons  
Nov. 26—Guitar Shorty  
Nov. 28, 29—Night Train  
Nov. 30—Tailgate party with Big Dog 97.9 FM.

#### THE BYPASS 624-9095

Nov. 21—Baby Jason and The Spankers  
Nov. 22—The Hypnotist Comedian  
Nov. 26—The Cate Brothers  
Nov. 27—A Picture Made  
Nov. 28—Oreo Blue  
Nov. 29—Walking on Einstein with Shallow

### Kansas City

#### THE BEAUMONT

Nov. 21—Immature  
Dec. 16—Seven Mary Three

### St. Louis

#### AMERICAN THEATRE (314) 969-1800

Nov. 28—Stir  
Nov. 30—Fiona Apple  
Dec. 17—Jars of Clay

#### KIEL CENTER

Dec. 5—Amy Grant

#### WESTPORT PLAYHOUSE

Nov. 21—Nanci Griffith



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

# Learning to fly comes early

By JALYN HIGGINS  
CHART REPORTER

She decided she needed to learn to fly at the age of 13 months.

"I was being watched by a babysitter who left the balcony door open," said Taffy Coker, sophomore communications major. "I crawled through the railing and fell three stories down onto the concrete."



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Living life on the edge as a child was par for the course for Taffy Coker, who fell off a balcony and used to ask strangers for candy.

"Everyone thought I was dead, but all I did was fracture my leg and have a concussion. After that my parents decided to take me with them everywhere."

This is one of the first memories Coker has of her original hometown of Wurtzberg, Germany. "I spent my first four years there and German was the first language I learned to speak," she said.

Coker and her parents lived off-base in Germany in an apartment. She used to wake up in the middle of the night and walk around the neighborhood asking for candy.

"Mom just loves to tell that story," she said. "People in Germany are really nice. It was safer where we lived."

Like most military families, their stay in any one place wasn't long. Coker's family moved to Pine Bluff, Ark., when she was 4.

"I remember living close to both sets of my grandparents," she said. "It was actually the first time I saw my Dad's parents."

After staying in Pine Bluff for only six months, the family moved again, this time to Oklahoma City. There, her father got out of the military and started selling life insurance.

"He was really good at it, but he got burned out," she said. "He got back into the military, and we moved again."

Coker went to school in Oklahoma City until the beginning of her third grade year. Before finishing this grade, she attended two more schools: Arkadelphia, Ark., and Little Rock, Ark. In Little Rock, Coker experienced many things including teachers' strikes and going to class with Chelsea Clinton.

During Coker's fifth grade year, she once again attended three different schools, in Little Rock, Ark.; Arkadelphia, Ark.; and Abilene, Texas.

"I went to the most hated middle school in Texas," she said. "All the rich kids went there."

The summer before she was to go to high school, Coker moved again, this time to Peachtree City, Ga.

"This was the rich city," she explained. "Doctors, lawyers, and pilots lived there."

"I like Georgia. I spent the rest of my ninth grade through my 11th grade years there. That is where my class ring is from."

She was active in the choir and also performed in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.

"I spent my senior year in Alexandria, Va., and hated it," Coker said.

After high school, she decided to attend college back in Arkadelphia. While in college she became an active member of Beta Mu Omicron. She will willingly tell everyone that she "partied too much."

Coker, a music major at the time, starred in two different operas. She sang the lead in Mozart's *Così Fan Tutti* and Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*.

She then decided to try living on her own for a while and moved to Branson. She worked as a cake decorator in Consumer's Supermarket while living there.

"I met Daniel Johnson there, who is now my boyfriend," she said. "We were best friends."

Since her parents didn't like the way she was living, they moved her to Boston to live with them.

"After I cried and cried, my dad bought me a new car to cheer me up," she said. "It didn't really work."

After living in Boston, she decided to move back to Missouri and come to Missouri Southern. She has changed her major, but is loving every minute of her time here. □

## SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Sean Poindexter's beliefs, and in some cases lack thereof, gives him extra ammunition as a member of Missouri Southern's forensics squad.

## Joplin too restrictive for liberal idealist

By ANDREA EMANUEL  
CHART REPORTER

Joplin is not the ideal place for a liberal atheist to live, according to Sean Poindexter, sophomore political science major.

"It's such a conservative part of the country and I'm such a liberal person," he said.

Poindexter, the president of the Young Democrats, has found Missouri Southern to be politically moderate. He has had to defend his views on numerous occasions — his views on religion especially.

"Although nothing physical has happened to me personally, I have gotten into some heated debates. There's a lot of people who can't leave well enough alone and realize that everyone has their own opinion about something," Poindexter said. "They just have to bring up a topic that they know everyone will have a strong opinion about, just to get people stirred up."

A member of the forensics squad, he finds these arguments amusing.

"Usually it's harmless, but every once in a while you get the insulting person — the prejudiced person."

Many people ask Poindexter why

he's an atheist. He finds this a difficult question to answer.

"People don't choose to become an atheist," he said. "It's not a religion. Just like believing in a god is not a religion in itself, not believing in a god is also not a religion."

"Any religious person will tell you that there is more to being a Christian, or more to being a Muslim, or more to being a Jew than just belief. There's action. There's no specific action to being an atheist."

Poindexter finds it impossible to believe in something without overwhelming evidence. His life experiences, what he's read, and how he views the world all contribute to his non-belief in a "universal being."

"You just come to the conclusion that there's not a god," he said. "Once you reach that conclusion you can either deceive yourself or face the social stigma that comes with atheism."

He says many people go with the "better safe than sorry" attitude when it comes to religion.

"But I wouldn't be able to face myself in the mirror and lie to people everyday. I couldn't go to church and pretend to believe in a religion I know isn't true." □

## SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

## Zippping by in fast cars, computers

By JEFF DENNO  
CHART REPORTER

Computers and sports cars are what William Pinet, a new assistant professor of computer information science, enjoys.

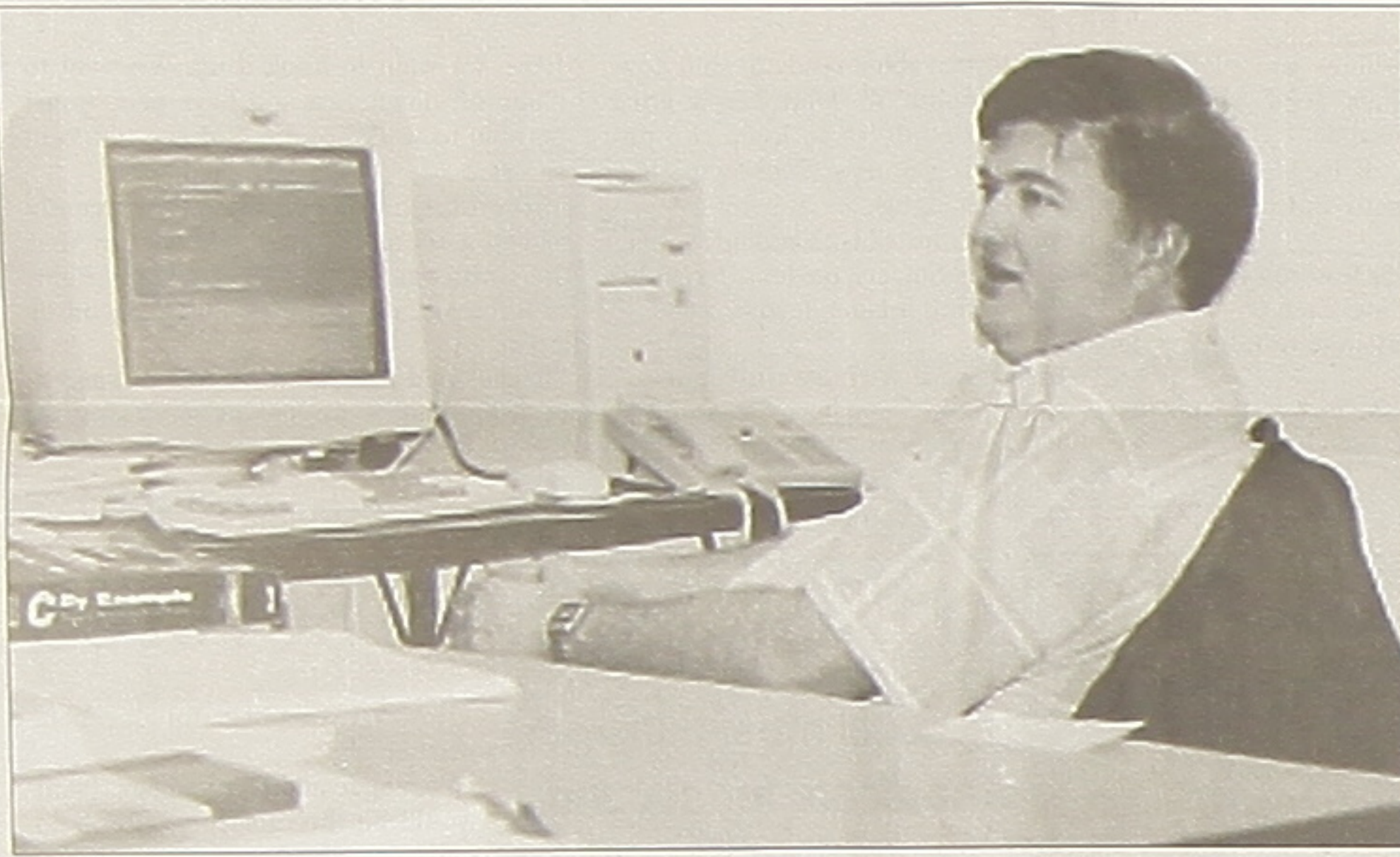
Pinet was born in Independence, Kan., and raised in Branson.

"I've always played with computers," he said. "I just majored in math and computer science all through college."

He received a bachelor's degree at the College of the Ozarks. The University of Missouri-Rolla is where he received his two master's degrees, one in applied mathematics and the other in computer science.

He has taught as a mathematics instructor at Park College, Fort Leonard Wood.

His last job teaching was at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (a statewide school for upper high school students) for six



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Fast cars and fast computers are the loves of William Pinet's life. Before coming to Southern as an computer information science professor, Pinet taught mathematics down the road at Park College in Fort Leonard Wood.

years before coming to Missouri Southern.

Pinet's most memorable moment was when his Louisiana programming team won two national programming contests.

"Spend a lot of time playing on those computers," he said. "It's not wasted time."

One of his goals is to help Southern set up a new computer lab for networking classes that will be available in the future.

"I also collect cars," he said.

He has the first car that his grandmother gave him, an Alfa Romeo, and his current car, a 1983 Alfa

He took one of his cars, a 1984 Alfa

coupe, to an Alfa owners club national convention car show. After spending a few hours cleaning and preparing his car for the show, he placed fifth in his class.

"I did go to driving school this last summer, and it took me a month to get my car back into shape," Pinet said laughing. □

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Jamaleldine travels exotic route on his way to college at Southern



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

After serving a stint in the German Navy, Jeffrey Jamaleldine came to Southern after several stops along the way, including Spain, Egypt, and Lebanon.

### Money talk makes eyes light up

By CALE RITTER  
CHART REPORTER

German navy veteran Jeffrey Daniel Samir Jamaleldine's eyes light up when discussing the American dollar.

He is studying international business with the goal of being the proprietor of his own company.

"That is the only thing I am really interested in," Jamaleldine said. "Studying in America was a dream for me."

Traveling to and living in different countries has played a major role in his life. He was born in Berlin, Germany, where he spent most of his years growing up.

Jamaleldine also lived in Sierra Leone; Manchester, England; Malaga, Spain; and France.

He has also been to Gambia, Liberia, Senegal, Morocco (Casablanca), Egypt, Gibraltar, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, Greece, Syria, Lebanon, and Poland.

"I felt it was the most beautiful place on earth," said Jamaleldine after living in Malaga, Spain. "I would like to move there when I retire."

The greatest portion of his traveling experiences was done with his father, Bashir Jamaleldine. His father is Lebanese and Syrian.

Like many, Jamaleldine began school in Sunday school. His Catholic grandmother took him.

"I thought I was the only 5- or 6-year-old to be able to tie a tie around my neck and look half-way decent," Jamaleldine said. "I learned basic English there. The preaching was in English."

His formal education in the German school system took the *Gymnasium* route. There are three branches of education in Germany.

• *Hauptschule* — trains students for "blue-collar" work.

• *Realschule* — Trains students for "white-collar" work.

• *Gymnasium* — Prepares students for the *Abitur*, a final exam after the 13th grade. If one fails, school is attended for one more year. If it is passed, the student is allowed to attend a university.

"I passed the *Abitur* the first time," Jamaleldine said proudly.

Immediately following this exam, he was drafted into the navy.

"Every German male is required to be in the Navy for a minimum of 12 months," he said.

Jamaleldine had researched colleges and universities in the U. S. He heard about Southern from the advertisement of its international mission.

"I was looking for a small school where I could play soccer and get a good education," he said. "The school must also have international studies and international business. Southern sounded the best, although I had no clue where Joplin was."

This is his third semester at Southern. In the 11th grade he was an exchange student in

"I've been more places and have done more things than many people have."

Jeffrey Jamaleldine  
Senior general business major

Phoenix, Ariz. He stayed with a family in the suburb of Scottsdale.

"If you're rich, you live in Beverly Hills. If you're famous, you live in Malibu. If you're lucky, you live in Scottsdale," Jamaleldine said.

In addition to playing soccer for Southern, he likes basketball, sand/beach volleyball, and ping pong as well.

"I've been playing soccer since I was kicking pineapples as a little boy on the streets in Sierra Leone," Jamaleldine said. "I learned to play sand/beach volleyball in Spain."

Jamaleldine is the president of the International Club on campus and a member of the Culturally Speaking Club.

He works for Tatiana Karmanova, director of the International Language Resource Center, and tutors German there. He also works for the International Trade Center on campus and teaches a German course at the Joplin Public Library.

"I've been more places and have done more things than many people have," Jamaleldine said. "I now aspire to be a good father like my dad was to me." □



DOWNTOWN JOPLIN

# Store provides smoker-friendly place

By RHONDA CLARK  
STAFF WRITER

Unique to the downtown Joplin scene is The Little Connor, 612 Main St., where one may order fine liqueur, wine, imported beer, and cigars. Yes, cigars. Delivered to the table, they are unwrapped, cut, and lit for the discerning individual.

Larry Gindling, general manager, believes this is a great smoker-friendly place to bring a client or discuss business after hours.

"It's OK to smoke here, and we also have an excellent selection of premium cigars," he said.

Some 125 premium brands line the shelves of the glassed-in humidor room. A trend that has spread to the area from the East Coast, cigar smoking is not limited to males.

"We have a lot of women smoking cigars," said Shirley Fenner, owner. "They love the flavored cigars — cherry and cognac."

Her daughter, Dottie Elbert, admits she is a social smoker when frequenting the establishment.

"I smoke the smaller ones, but I sure have seen a lot of ladies with the big ones," Elbert said. "It's comfortable, and people don't look at you like you're strange. Almost all of them try it."

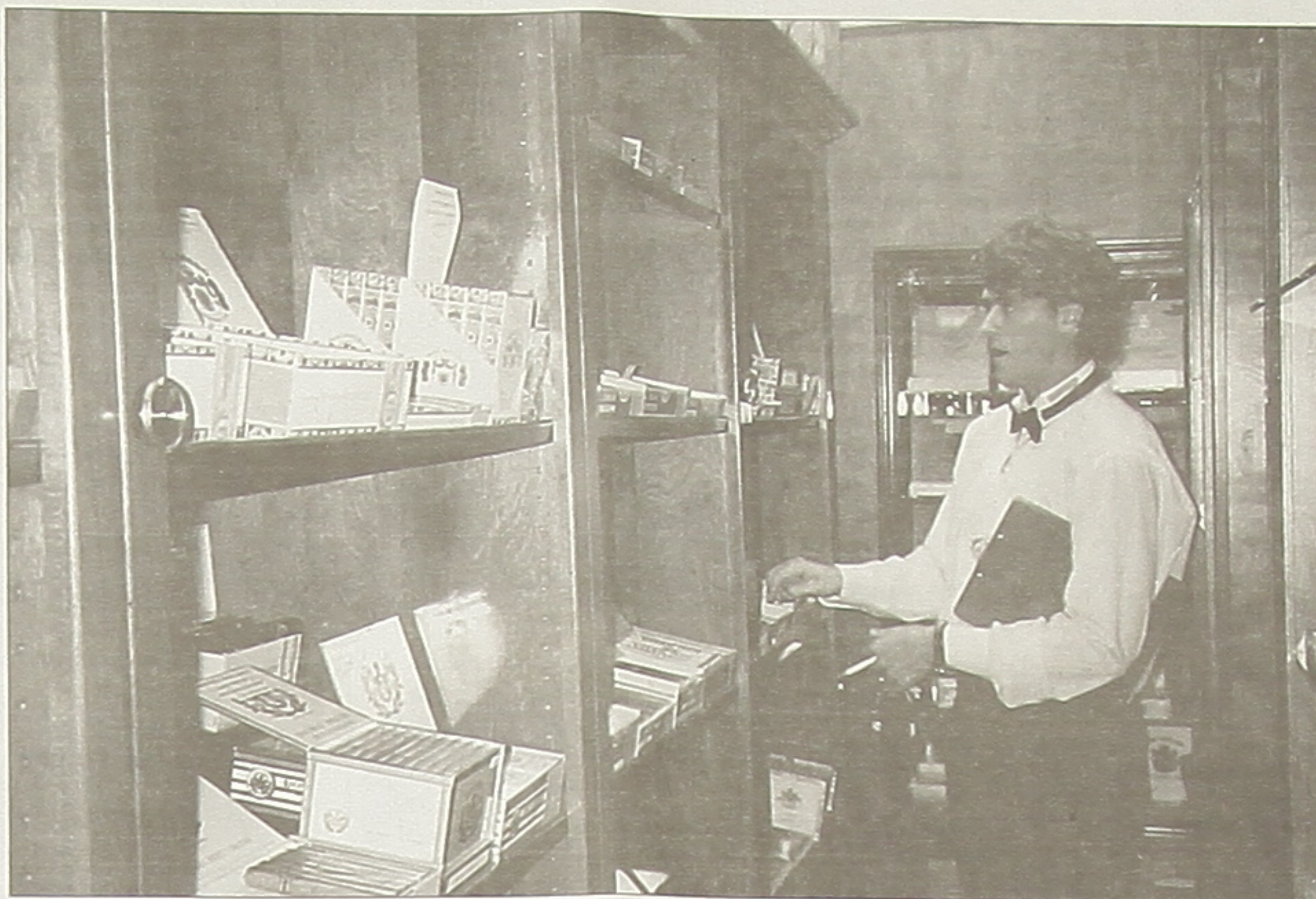
Deriving its name from the former Connor Hotel, which collapsed in 1978 while awaiting demolition, the business is more than just a bar.

"We like to refer to it as a social club," Fenner said.

Missouri Southern students Marshall Miller, senior history major, and Jared Thomas, junior criminal justice major, enjoy the quiet ambience.

"It's a classy and intellectual atmosphere," Miller said. "We've talked about holding Philosophy Club meetings here."

Though Thomas said he has no desire to light up a cigar, Miller



RHONDA CLARK/The Chart

Surveying the stock of cigars in the humidor is part of the job for Larry Gindling, general manager of the Little Connor, a cigar and liquor store.

admits to having "occasionally" tried one.

The interior's casual elegance with glass chandeliers and gold-tone art deco walls lends a romantic atmosphere. A glass etching of the old hotel adorns a wall mirror. The club also offers high-tech features. Investors can track stock quotes and commodities or the day's weather from a computer at the bar.

An electronic player piano soon will provide music via the Internet. For the non-smoker, ventilation machines remove smoke and odors. A big-screen TV occupies a

back corner for the sports-minded, but Fenner said this is not a sports bar.

"It's a nice place for men to have a business meeting," she said. "It's romantic. It's a place where a woman can come dressed up and not feel out of place.... We're not saying there is a dress code, but if you want to dress up, you're going to fit in just fine."

With a backdrop of soft jazz music, customers are served complimentary hors d'oeuvres, or Tapas, with their drinks.

Espresso and other coffee drinks are common fare.

"The things you enjoy while you are here is the quiet atmosphere," Gindling said. "It's usually not overcrowded and you can carry on a conversation."

For Fenner, The Little Connor is a break in tradition. Having years in retail experience with her husband, she found she had the business downstairs, their home upstairs, and the decorating complete.

"The only thing I was missing was a bartender, and all at once there he was," she said referring to Gindling, who guides her in the bar business.

A bartender for 10 years with the Hyatt in Hawaii, he finds this job rewarding.

"It's been awesome," Gindling said.

"I love it. To be the one responsible for putting the bar together — the fine scotches and all of that — has been a great experience for me."

He said weekly specials are upcoming. For the men, free cigars will be offered during Monday Night Football. Saturdays are ladies' nights, with two for one drinks and free cigars for the women. □

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Carthage announces Christmas light contest

The Carthage Chamber of Commerce has announced the 1997 Christmas Lighting Contest with 10 new categories of exhibition. Sponsored by Southwest Missouri Bank, Bill Wilson's Breckenwood Residential Development, and Imagine Art Gallery, the contest is open to homes, businesses, organizations, and churches in the Carthage zip code area.

Recognition awards will be given in 10 specialty categories to include youth, traditional Christmas-lighted, traditional Christmas-unlighted, winter white, Victorian Carthage, retro-Christmas, churches, business/window display, business/general, and celebrate the season. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third divisions for youth, residential, and commercial entries.

"The contest does more than put residents in the holiday spirit," said Dorothy Ann Greenwood, chamber Christmas committee chairperson. "It boosts pride in beauty of Carthage and gives visiting tourists a chance to see the special value of our community."

Registrations are now being accepted with applications available at the chamber, 107 E. Third. All applications must be submitted no later than Dec. 8, with judging to take place Dec. 12. For more information, persons may call 358-2373. □

### Neosho rec center plans ping-pong tournament

The Neosho Neighborhood Recreation Center will hold a ping-pong tournament at 6 p.m. Saturday at 418 Fairground Road, Neosho.

There will be double elimination games following USA Table Tennis rules. Personal paddles can be used as long as they meet USA specifications.

Contestants will be arranged into five-player groups as follows: ages 8-11, 12-15, 16-19, 20-39, and 40 and over.

There will be prizes awarded to each age group winner, plus a grand prize to the winner of the age group winners who will play against each other.

Persons wanting more information may call the center at 417-451-8090. □

### Kiwanis Club recognizes member with donation

In recognition of his commitment to Kiwanis and other projects in the community, the Kiwanis Club of Joplin is proud to honor Emmett G. Green with a George F. Hixson Fellowship by making a contribution to Kiwanis International's Worldwide Service Project, the virtual elimination of the world's most prevalent cause of mental retardation in children: Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD).

Kiwanis International adopted IDD as a global project in 1992 and set the goal to virtually eliminate IDD by the year 2000. The Kiwanis International Foundation joined Kiwanis International as a partner to undertake this Worldwide Service Project. The ward presented to Green is named after George F. Hixson, who was the first president of Kiwanis International.

Green joined Kiwanis in 1975. He has served on the club's board of directors, the foundation's board of directors, and on several committees. In addition he has been a member of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce and has served on various committees. He also has been a member of the Joplin R-8 Board of Education and served as board president. He has served as treasurer of the Citizens for Our Children's Future bond committee. He is a member of the Joplin R-8 Foundation and served as its president from 1992 to October 1997. He has served as president of the education division of Vision Joplin. □

## SQUARE DANCING



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Line dancing is just one of the several types of foot related fun times available to patrons of the Square Dance Center in West Joplin. The center offers opportunities to learn as well as dancing for the experienced.

# Center offers inexpensive fun

## Missouri Southern employees find line dancing as opportunity

By MARILYN TAFT  
STAFF WRITER

Dancing at the Square Dance Center, with the kids or alone, can be an inexpensive way to spend an evening.

"For \$3 a person, you can go in, have a tremendously enjoyable evening with the kids, and that includes lessons," said Diane Vann, Missouri Southern sciences and mathematics department secretary and line dancing instructor.

Vann learned to line dance with a country dance group called the Southern Stars. Members currently meet Fridays at the Square Dance Center. Vann enjoyed line dancing so much she brought it to Southern's campus.

"I love music and I love to dance," she said. "Line dancing is the perfect opportunity for me to dance all of the time, even by myself, even if my husband doesn't feel like it."

Vann is a certified level one teacher with the National

Teachers Association for Country Dance. Her certificate is displayed on her office wall. Vann enjoys teaching line dancing at Southern and says it is great exercise.

"I started dancing with Diane about five years ago," said Charline Lewis, English department secretary. "She encouraged me to go to the Square Dance Center on Friday nights."

The Square Dance Center is different because the experience level of the dancers ranges from nothing to excellent, Lewis explained, and it helps ingrain the dances into a person.

The Square Dance Center is owned by a square dance group called Western Twirlers. In order to build the building, members had to sell pieces of it, \$10 per square foot. That was approximately 38 years ago said Bill Watson, Western Twirler board member. The Western Twirlers reserves two nights per week for its members and rents out the rest of the week to other dance clubs. The newest addition the building is a wooden floor.

Not all the dance groups that rent nights at the Square Dance Center are square dance groups. Southern Stars, who rents on Fridays, is a country dance group. The Stars teaches couple and line dancing. □

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

# Sales tax funds new 911 upgrade

By MARILYN TAFT  
STAFF WRITER

Residents and visitors to Jasper County may now dial 911 for their emergencies.

"All of the cities and the rural areas of Jasper County, except Joplin, will be served," said William Cade, executive director of the Jasper County Emergency Services Board.

Joplin has its own 911 emergency system already in place. The two services are linked together so that they can facilitate each other in case one system or the other becomes inoperative. The same phone and computer equipment was installed in both locations so that employees could work out of either place. The two systems are separate entities but cooperate with each other to benefit the entire county.

The funding for the new Jasper County 911 system comes from a sales tax that county shoppers pay.

"Since anyone who needs to can use the new system when in Jasper County, such as out-of-town shoppers, they pay the tax, too, on things they buy," Cade said.

The project cost approximately \$2 million. That includes a new building built into a hill, to be as hurricane- and earthquake-safe as possible. Three new signal towers, miles of new phone lines, computer software, phone and fax systems, a global positioning system, and retraining for emergency crews are also included in the cost of the project. In addition, all of the fire, police, and emergency crews have had their pre-existing computer and phone systems updated or replaced.

The goal was to create a system with several failsafe measures. Two generators were purchased with a hookup for a third, just in case.

"Where the phone company's lines went above ground, ours went underground and visa versa," Cade said.

"We tried to ensure that no matter what act of nature happens, we will still be operational, serving the county's emergency needs."

Addressing has proved to be the most difficult and time-consuming aspect of the entire project. Every house was given a new address, which tells how many miles from the county line it is. The houses were also alphabetized from east to west.

This way, emergency crew need only look at the address to know where in the county the house is, without a map. But when a call does come in, a map is sent to the emergency crew, along with a description of the location, including the color of the house and number of trees and outbuildings around the house.

"We hired an outside contractor to enter the names of the residents and their addresses into our computer," Cade said.

There will always be a small percentage of addresses needing to be entered in the 911 system, due to the continuing growth of Jasper County, according to Cade. □



### TRIPS: On the open road

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can see. Joplin gets a little boring after 24 hours a day every day."

Hochart, who has been in the United States for only two months, has already taken road trips to St. Louis and Memphis.

"Everyone in Europe knows about Memphis," he said. "It's famous for blues music and rock-n-roll."

Hochart said the highlights of his trip were getting lost, visiting Graceland, eating at the Hard Rock Cafe, and walking up and down Beale Street.

"In two weeks I'm going to Chicago with the International Club," he said. "Next semester I want to go to San Francisco, but that might be hard to do." □

### DEBT: Southern ranks low in national poll

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Some students attribute the low debt to the abundance of scholarships.

"I think people who graduate from Missouri Southern have the lowest debt because Southern has low tuition and they offer a lot of high-paying scholarships," said Robyn Richardson, freshmen vocal music education major.

Last year, 1,624 students were awarded \$2 million in scholarships from college funds, an average of \$1,250 per recipient.

Another way debt is kept low is through a monthly payment plan through Academic Management Services (AMS).

"The students can pay off their debt with a monthly payment plan instead of taking out loans," said Joyce Braudaway, student accounts manager. "A lot of students want to be debt-free when they get out of here."

"I believe [students] know what is available and how to exercise their options," she said.

According to Braudaway, many colleges do not offer monthly payment options. The AMS program allows students a way to manage college expenses.

"The bulk of the students using AMS don't have any financial aid at all," she said.

According to Gilbert, about 500 students are in the AMS program. □



Brenda Prock, freshman undecided major and flautist in the Lion Pride Marching Band, tries to keep herself warm as well as her mouthpiece during the football game Saturday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

DEBORAH SOLOMON  
The Chart

### REGENT: Three students in the running for pending seat vacancy on Board after Chapman's term runs its course

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"I think it's very important, as student regent, to communicate with the Student Senate, because the senators can take [news] to their organizations and clubs all over campus," she said. "It just works as a big network."

While all three candidates believe they bring unique qualifications to the table, Fisk says her advantage stems from on-campus experience.

"I'm an upperclassman, so I know what's going on around campus," she said. "I'm involved in the psychology department as well as Student Senate, so I think I have a good communication line to the students. Working in student services is another way to talk to students and hear what their concerns are on campus."

Mathis says involvement in campus activities is a necessity for the student regent in order to gain an understanding of student needs.

"The regent should be a student who is actively involved in many aspects of the school," Mathis said. "The whole idea is to give the Board of Regents an idea of what the students think."

Vazquez, a native of Puerto Rico, believes her exposure to other cultures at Southern and through travels abroad would benefit the student regent position.

"The most important thing for me is to expand the international mission," Vazquez said. "I think Missouri Southern is going to grow and become a university when that happens."

While all three nominees realize the importance of the position, they also acknowledge the lack of recognition the job receives from a majority of Southern students.

Vazquez believes the problem could be corrected by granting the student regent equal status as a member of the Board of Regents. Currently, the student regent is excluded from closed meetings and not allowed to vote on regent policy.

"If the student regent had the right to vote, I think it would influence the students a lot more," she said. "They would be more interested if they thought they could make a difference."

Doug Carnahan, dean of students and Senate adviser, agrees that the position would gain credibility if given equal status. □

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## VOLLEYBALL

“ This season had its ups and downs. ”



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Sophomore defensive specialist Heather Olson dives for a ball during last Friday night's game against Northwest.

## Playoffs evade Southern

By ANDRE SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Seniors Stephanie Gockley and Kristen Harris led the Lady Lions to victory last Friday night against Northwest Missouri State University in Young Gymnasium.

The Lady Lions swept the Lady Bearcats 15-11, 15-11, 15-13.

"We played extremely well as a team," said coach Debbie Traywick. "Kristen did a good job blocking the ball, and Stephanie had a good game as usual. But it was a great team effort."

Harris had a team-high six blocks and Gockley registered 15 kills and 19 digs. Amber Collins had 38 assists.

Missouri Western, second in the conference and ranked fifth in the region, was next in line for the Lady Lions. After losing the first game 15-7, Southern came back from a 14-7 deficit to beat Western 16-14. The Lady Lions lost the next two games 15-5, 15-9.

Once again, Gockley did the job on both offense and defense as she had 21 kills and dug 16 balls.

"They out-passed us and out-served us," Traywick said. "We had passing breakdowns all game. If we would have passed better, we would have had a chance."

Harris had six blocks for the Lady Lions, and Collins added 35 assists and two serving aces. The loss to Western was the final game for the Lady Lions this season. They finished 10-17 overall and 6-10 in the conference.

Gockley, a first-team all-conference selection for the third year in a row, and Harris were the only two seniors on the team this season.

"This season had its ups and downs," Traywick said. "They stuck in there and were great leaders throughout the season."

The Lady Lions will return 10 players to next year's roster.

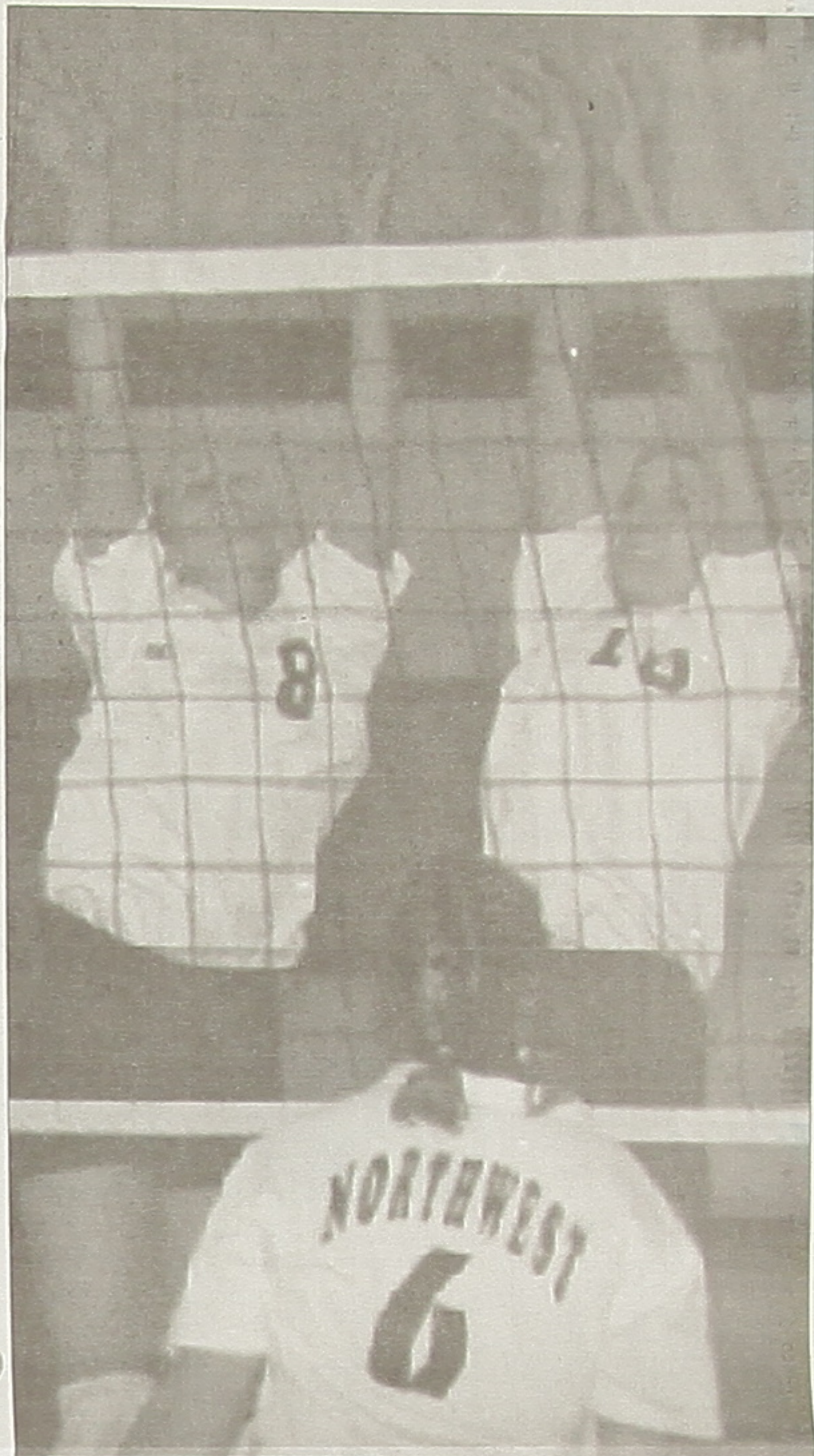
"The good thing about this year was that a lot of the younger players got time on the court," Traywick said. "We bring back a

“ We had passing breakdowns all game. If we could have passed better, we would have had a chance. ”

Debbie Traywick  
Lady Lion volleyball  
coach

solid group of young players, and this year's growing pains will be to our advantage in the years to come."

Traywick will also hit the recruiting trail hard in the off-season. She will be looking for players to help replace her two seniors. □



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Senior outside hitters Kristen Harris (left) and Sara Winkler (right) attempt to block a kill from a Northwest Missouri State University player. Southern finished the season 9-18 overall.

# Scoreboard

Where to Catch the Lions and Lady Lions:  
Chartnet...[www.mssc.edu/pages/chhome.htm](http://www.mssc.edu/pages/chhome.htm)  
Missouri Southern Sports Network...107.1 FM (Joplin)

## Football

### MIAA Standings

Through November 17 (Conf, overall)

1. Northwest Missouri	9-0, 11-0
2. Pittsburg State	8-1, 9-1
3. Missouri Southern	6-3, 7-3
4. Truman State	6-3, 6-4
5. Emporia State	5-4, 7-4
6. Central Missouri	4-5, 5-6
7. Missouri Western	3-6, 5-6
8. Washburn	2-7, 3-8
9. Missouri-Rolla	2-7, 3-8
10. Southwest Baptist	0-9, 0-10



### Lions Week 10

vs. Truman State

Lions 40

Bulldogs 32

Scoring:

1st  
Lions: Cornelsen 1 run, (Lewis kick), 7-0  
Lions: Taylor 18 run, (Lewis kick), 0-14  
Bulldogs: Johnson 35 run, (Klee kick), 7-14  
2nd  
Lions: Hocker 5 pass from Cornelsen, (Lewis kick failed), 7-20  
Bulldogs: Minnis 1 run, (Klee kick), 14-20  
Bulldogs: Vaughn 1 run, (Klee kick), 21-20  
Lions: Clay 1 run, (Cornelsen pass failed), 21-25  
3rd  
Bulldogs: Klee 31 FG, 24-26  
Lions: Taylor 96 kickoff return, (Lewis kick), 24-33  
4th  
Lions: Campbell 27 pass from Cornelsen, (Lewis kick), 24-20  
Bulldogs: Minnis 1 run, (Ross pass), 32-40

## Volleyball

### MIAA Standings

Through November 16 (Conf, overall)

1. Central Missouri	16-0, 26-5
2. Missouri Western	12-4, 25-8
3. Emporia State	11-5, 16-15
4. Washburn	10-6, 18-15
5. Truman State	8-8, 21-15
6. Missouri Southern	6-10, 9-18
7. Pittsburg State	5-11, 9-19
8. Northwest Missouri	3-13, 21-18
9. Southwest Baptist	1-15, 7-26

## This week

### Friday

■ Lions basketball at Pittsburg Classic vs. St Edward's (Texas) University, 5:30 p.m.

■ Lady Lions basketball in Cancun vs. Bentley College,

### Saturday

■ Lady Lions basketball in Cancun vs. TBA

■ Lions basketball at Pittsburg Classic vs. William Jewell, 3:30 p.m.

■ Cross Country Nationals, Kenosha, Wis.

### Tuesday

■ Lions basketball at home against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, 7:30 p.m.

## This week

### Friday

■ Missouri Southern Freeman Sports Medicine Classic, 7 p.m.



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## Sports SCOPE

### Stellar game ends season on high note

I'll tell you what. I finally saw the Lions I have been waiting to see for a long time.

First of all, I have to give a shout out to interim head coach Rob Green. Great job!

The team came together after the loss of their head coach and

rallied around this man to win four straight.

The team rose to every challenge Saturday. All season they have lived in the shadow of being a

mediocre football team, and I think they proved everyone wrong. They came out and put 40 points on the board against a Truman State team that was once ranked in the top 20 of NCAA Division II.

The defense didn't step down to those big cornbread eatin' offensive linemen. They kept plugging away and shut them down when it counted most.

They came away with a 7-3 record (which I predicted, thank you) and sent those seniors out on a wonderful note.

All I must say is that anyone who thinks Coach Green doesn't deserve a shot at being head coach is sadly mistaken. He'd be best for the job.

He knows our players. He produced most of our offensive system. He knows what it takes to be a Lion. And best of all, he has a master's degree.

I'm going to take this time to share the top 10 things I saw or heard about Saturday afternoon.

- Justin Taylor's 94-yard kick-off return in the third quarter. And coach Dan Scheible on the sidelines screaming "Take that, Truman, take that! I told you I hated purple!"

- A.J. Jones had the game of his career. He knocked down a number of passes and was all over the place.

- Mac Whitehead proposing to his girlfriend after the announcement of the seniors. You go, boy!

- The level of excitement on the sidelines, man! Jason Owen (with his taped-up nose) came off the field doing Sugar Ray Leonard after about every touchdown.

- When Shawn Greer LEVELED that receiver! Sorry the interception didn't stand, Shawn.

- For the first time this season, the referee's mic worked. I was actually able to hear what the penalty was.

- After the game, Coach Green got the bucket of Gatorade. That's the first time I've seen that since I've been here.

- The Pillsbury Doughboy showed up for the pregame show of "Southern Sports Sunday."

- Shout out to Elizabeth Rogers, who was Southern's drum major for five years straight. You will be missed, Liz.

- The action was so hot on the field that the freezing fair-weather fans actually stayed this time.

And I thank those of you who chose to stay on the Missouri Southern bandwagon.

I hope you enjoyed the ride.

Once again, I am your driver Andre Smith reminding you not to unfasten your seat belt until the bandwagon has come to a complete stop.

Make sure you have all of your belongings, and in the immortal words of Ron "Frosty" Fauss — I'll see you at the ball game. ☐



Andre Smith  
Staff writer

#### FOOTBALL

# Lions rock Truman, end season 7-3



Shawn Greer (left) is assisted by Earnest Hunt in making a tackle against a Truman State ball carrier in Saturday's game which saw the Lions defeat the Bulldogs 40-32.

AARON DESLATT/The Chart

By NICK PARKER  
MANAGING EDITOR

Big plays were the deciding factor in the Missouri Southern football season finale Saturday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

The Lions' 40-32 win over Truman State was their fifth consecutive victory and the fourth under interim head coach Rob Green. They finish 7-3 overall and 6-3 in the MIAA, good for a third-place tie with Truman.

It also marks Southern's best record since its 1993 MIAA championship season.

"What stuck out most to me was that there were so many pivotal plays during the game," Green said, "whether they were halfback passes or an interception. It was just the whole ebb and flow of emotions during the game."

Green said Saturday's win was the result of consistent play during the last portion of the season.

"I really felt like the last win was a culmination of the many things we had tried to establish in the previous weeks," he said. "And we did it against a good quality opponent. I felt like we controlled the ball offensively and defensively, and the kicking team came up with a big play for us."

"I think the biggest fault we had was there were a couple of chances to completely put them away. I guess we chose to make the game a little bit more exciting."

Sophomore offensive lineman Jason Young said this win was a near-perfect finish to the 1997 campaign.

"It was great; we finally felt like we were doing something right," Young said. "Earlier in the year it didn't seem like we could do anything right."

"I wanted this game more than any other game this year. To come into this year with

a bunch of unproven guys and have a chance to finish one game better than last year was a big motivation for us. Nobody wanted to finish 6-4; we wanted 7-3."

Southern jumped out to an early 14-0 lead. Junior quarterback Brad Cornelsen opened the scoring with a 1-yard scramble. Justin Taylor, senior running back, found the end zone next on an 18-yard run.

The season finale also marked the end of a collegiate career for several Lions. Lee Heinerikson, deep snapper; Brad Hocker, tight end; Taylor; Mac Whitehead, running back; Travis Cagle, defensive back; and Wallace Clay, running back, all finished their senior seasons.

"That was a great game for the seniors," Green said. "It will be a game they remember for the rest of their lives. It was a great season for them. You look at us being 7-3, winning our last five games, and finishing it with a win at home against a good team; they have to be enjoying the success they've had."

Clay finished the season with 811 yards rushing, earning him honorable mention all-MIAA honors. Southern had three selections to the second-team all-MIAA squad: Cornelsen, Hocker, and junior punter Caleb Lewis.

Other honorable mention recipients were junior defensive tackle Dustin Calvin, junior linebacker Kqorea Willis, and junior defensive back A.J. Jones.

Green said he was proud of his team's performance and ability to pull together in the last half of the season.

"I felt like as a group we were a family," he said. "I felt like trust was the biggest factor in our success. Whether it was player to player, coach to coach, coach to player, or whatever the combination, trust was there. They were a cohesive unit as a football team." ☐

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Lions testing new team

### Men victorious in opener, have disappointing game vs. non-conference team

By GINNY DUMOND  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

From a blowout in their season opener to a disappointing second game at Central Arkansas, the Lion basketball team hopes to cap its first week of play with two wins this weekend in the Pittsburg State Classic.

"Well, we play St. Edward's (Texas) the first night and then turn around and play William Jewell the second night, and they're both going to be good opponents," coach Robert Corn said of tonight's and Saturday's tournament.

"I think the big thing right now is that we're still trying to find our identity as a basketball team."

"I think we'll go over there and I think we'll compete," Corn added. "Certainly we'd like to go over there and get two wins, and I think anything less than that we'll be disappointed."

Saturday's 90-45 crushing of Ozark Christian College was a good first look at the Lions, but their real test came Tuesday at the University of Central Arkansas. The Bears prevailed 87-81.

Although two wins would boost the Lions' record to 3-1, some good could come from a loss to a better team, Corn said.

"Right now, by the same token, we are

trying to improve as a basketball team, and if we see that improvement and get beat by a better basketball team, then that's part of it," Corn said. "So, the big thing for us right now is to continue to improve as a team."

Corn says the learning experiences of the team early in the season will be worthwhile down the stretch.

"The thing you're trying to do in your pre-season is get ready for your January-February season," he said. "And you've got to find out some things about your team about what they can do. I would rather find out in November and December."

"Therefore, we play a very tough schedule. There aren't too many teams in our league that are going down to Central Arkansas. We do try to play quality teams that are non-conference because we do find out about ourselves."

An obvious strength for the squad is the inside scoring punch in Osiris Ricardo, Terry Mills, and Matt Olson. In the loss to Central Arkansas, Olson had 24 points and 11 boards, Mills had 26 points and nine rebounds, and Ricardo had 10 points and seven boards.

"You've got to use them; they've got to touch the basketball," Corn said.

Three-point shooting appears to be a major problem area for the Lions. They hit five of 20 three-point goals against Ozark Christian and three of 16 at Central Arkansas.

"I think we haven't used good judgment in the first few games by shooting the 3 because I think we've taken too many shots off the move," Corn said. ☐



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Junior guard Mario Phillips puts up a shot during the Lions home opener against Ozark Christian College Saturday. The Lions won the game 90-45, with 14 points from Phillips.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Lady Lions lose opener, head to Cancun for tournament

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On Tuesday, the Lady Lion basketball team was overwhelmed 80-62 by Arkansas Tech (3-0) in Russellville, Ark.

The Tucker Coliseum, where the game was played, is a different court of sorts.

"The court is a different wood than we are used to, and there is a lot of room behind the baskets," said Southern head coach Amy Townsend. "It was a tough atmosphere. They have a lot of tradition and banners everywhere."

The Lady Lions began the game in their usual press, but the quickness and size of Arkansas Tech forced them out of it early.

"They had the total package offensively," Townsend said. "We were having trouble

getting back on defense, which resulted in easy points for them."

Forward Jennifer Richardson had 20 points for Arkansas Tech and Angie Harris added 12 points in 15 minutes.

"They were a little hard to defend at times," said Lady Lion center Shelly Oliver. "They had good size, and they set a lot of screens for each other."

Southern was out-rebounded in the contest 40-33. The Lady Lions had very few second-chance points.

"If we shot the ball and didn't make it, they had the rebound and were off to the races," Townsend said. "Since they got down the floor so fast, some of our players started to bail out a little early to get back down the court."

In the first half the Lady Lions shot 32 percent from the floor and missed 10 free

throws. Arkansas Tech played a tight man-to-man defense that forced Southern into pressure situations.

Southern turned the ball over 23 times and shot 40 percent for the game.

"It is uncharacteristic of this team to miss that many free throws and have that many turnovers," Townsend said.

"At times it looked like their physical play intimidated us. We play a physical game, but their girls were really strong. They are probably the strongest team we will see this year."

KaTonya Samuels and Chara Oldfield led the Lady Lions with 13 and 12 points, respectively. The two also combined for 12 rebounds and five of the Lady Lions' eight assists.

Kim Marty came off the bench and added 10 points and freshman forward Sara Jones

added nine more to the total.

"It was great for K.T., Chara, and Mandy Olson to grab as many boards as they did," Townsend said. "However, our post players didn't have many rebounds and their post players did. They had a lot of put-back points."

Southern is in Cancun today for a tournament game against Bentley College, who went to the NCAA Elite Eight last year. Saturday, the Lady Lions will meet Freed-Hardman of Tennessee or Wisconsin-Stevens Point, both NAIA schools.

"We will see a lot of good teams in Cancun," Townsend said.

"Bentley is 3-0, and the other teams are very competitive. They won't have a chance to scout us, and we should be able to scout at least one of the teams before we play them." ☐